## Maryland Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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<th>Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023</th>
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<td>Midwives Certified by AMCB</td>
<td>333</td>
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<td>Births in 2022</td>
<td>68,584</td>
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<td>Midwives per 1,000 Births</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births 2022</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births per midwife</td>
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<td>% Births Midwife-attended</td>
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Maryland has not achieved the 6 midwives per 1,000 births recommended by the WHO.

Board-certified midwives include certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives, who are certified by the American Midwifery Certification Board. Board-certified midwives' professional association is the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

Board-certified midwives' practice authority is Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-601, which was most recently revised in 2023. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
Maryland’s maternity care workforce density is larger than the United States as a whole. Maryland’s midwife density does not meet the World Health Organization recommended minimum midwifery workforce size of 6 midwives per 1,000 births.
Midwife-attended Births in Maryland

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA  Maryland
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Maryland 2022

- Other
- Self-Pay
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance
Births by Race or Ethnic Category, 2022

Race & Ethnicity Distribution of Births, 2022

- More than One
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black non-Hispanic
- White non-Hispanic

Midwife-Attended Births by Race / Ethnicity

- More than One
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black non-Hispanic
- White non-Hispanic
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

Birth Attendants in Maryland
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Maryland:

• Increase access to early prenatal care
• Reduce the rate of cesarean birth
Maryland Midwifery Regulation **Assets & Opportunities**

1. **Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (COMAR 10.27.05.01)

2. **Asset:** Midwives receive 100% the fee a physician receives for the same service (See Fee Schedule)

3. **Asset:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure (COMAR 10.64.01)

4. **Opportunity:** Credentialing and clinical privileges defined as for physicians (COMAR 10.07.01); services are conducted under supervision of physicians

5. **Asset:** Midwives prescribe independently (Health Occupations § 8-508)