Massachusetts Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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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 244 Mass. Code Regs. 4.03, which was most recently revised in 2012. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Registration in Nursing.

Massachusetts has one midwifery education program located at Baystate Medical Center.
Massachusetts’s maternity care workforce density is larger than the United States as a whole.

Massachusetts’s midwife density meets the World Health Organization recommended minimum midwifery workforce size of 6 midwives per 1,000 births.
Midwife-attended Births in Massachusetts

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- Massachusetts
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

Birth Attendants in Massachusetts

USA  Massachusetts  Massachusetts Midwives

Metro  non-Metro

Birth Attendants in Massachusetts

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Physician  Midwife
Massachusetts Health Indicators, 2022

Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Maryland:
• Reduce the rate of cesarean birth
Massachusetts Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

1. **Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (244 CMR 4.00)
2. **Asset:** Midwives prescribe independently (244 CMR 4.07)
3. **Opportunity:** Midwives receive 85% the fee a physician receives for the same service (See Fee Schedule)
4. **Asset:** Hospitals can grant staffing privileges to nurse-midwives 105 CMR 130:616(c)
5. **Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure