Montana Midwifery Workforce, 2023

### Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023

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<td>Midwives Certified by AMCB</td>
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<td>Births in 2022</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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<td>% Vaginal births midwife-attended</td>
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Montana 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 ARM §24.159.1475, which was most recently revised in 2013. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
Montana’s maternity care workforce density is larger than the United States as a whole.

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

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- Montana
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

- USA
- Montana
- Montana Midwives

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Montana 2022

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

Race & Ethnicity Distribution of Births, 2022

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 Montana

USA Montana Montana Midwives

Metro non-Metro

Physician Midwife

Metro non-Metro
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Montana:
• Increase access to breast cancer screening
Montana Midwifery Regulation **Assets & Opportunities**

1. **Asset**: Midwives can be licensed for practice without a written collaborative agreement. (ARM 24.159.1406)

2. **Asset**: Midwives can prescribe independently (ARM 24.159.1406)

3. **Opportunity**: Midwives are reimbursed at 90% the physician fee (Rule 37.85.105).

4. **Asset**: Hospitals are not prevented from granting staffing privileges to nurse-midwives (37.106.401 General Requirements)

5. **Opportunity**: Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure