Nebraska Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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<th>Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023</th>
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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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Nebraska 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 R.R.S. Neb. § 38-611, which was most recently revised in 2007. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services.
Nebraska’s maternity care workforce density is small compared to the United States as a whole.

Nebraska’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 Nebraska

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA  Nebraska
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

- USA
- Nebraska
- Nebraska Midwives

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Nebraska 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
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Nebraska:
• Reduce the rate of preterm birth
• Increase access to breast cancer screening
**Nebraska Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities**

1. **Opportunity:** Midwives are licensed for practice under a written collaborative agreement. (NRS 38-609)

2. **Asset:** Midwives are reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (See Fee Schedule).

3. **Opportunity:** Midwives can prescribe if it is defined in the written collaborative agreement (NRS 38-613)

4. **Asset:** Hospitals cannot deny medical staff or clinical privileges because a person is a midwife (71-2048.01)

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