American College of Nurse-Midwives State Chartbook

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Wyoming 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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Wyoming 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 Rules, Wyoming Board of Nursing Ch. 4 §7, which was most recently revised in 2018. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
Wyoming Maternity Care Workforce Density

Wyoming’s maternity care workforce density is like the United States as a whole. Wyoming’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 Wyoming

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- Wyoming
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Wyoming 2022

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

Race & Ethnicity Distribution of Births, 2022

- USA
- Wyoming
- Wyoming Midwives

- 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 Wyoming

USA   Wyoming   Wyoming Midwives
Metro  non-Metro

Metro  non-Metro
Physician  Midwife
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Wyoming:
• Increase breastfeeding initiation
• Increase access to breast cancer screening
Wyoming Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

1. **Asset**: Midwives are licensed for independent practice (Wyo. Stat. § 33-21-127)

2. **Asset**: Midwives have independent prescriptive authority (Wyo. Stat. § 33-21-127)

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

4. **Asset**: Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff (WY. Rules and Regs. Health HQ Ch 12 § 4); Midwives have signature authority (counts as a physician signature) (Wyo. Stat. § 33-21-158)

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