## West Virginia Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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<th>Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023</th>
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<td>Midwives Certified by AMCB</td>
<td>72</td>
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<td>Births in 2022</td>
<td>16,929</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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West Virginia 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 W. Va. Code § 30-7-7, which was most recently revised in 2022. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Examiners for Registered Nursing.
West Virginia Maternity Care Workforce Density

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

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA  West Virginia
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

- USA
- West Virginia
- West Virginia Midwives

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, West Virginia 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 West Virginia
West Virginia Health Indicators, 2022

Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help West Virginia:

- Increase breastfeeding initiation
West Virginia Midwifery Regulation

**Assets & Opportunities**

1. **Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (W. Va. Code § 30-7-1; W. Va. Code § 7)
2. **Asset:** Midwives reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (See Fee Schedule)
3. **Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure
4. **Opportunity:** Midwives' prescriptive authority is delegated through a written collaborative agreement (W. Va. Code § 30-7-15b)
5. **Asset:** Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff (Rule 64-12-2)