American College of Nurse-Midwives State Chartbook

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Virginia 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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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 § 54.1-2957 which was most recently revised in 2023. Board-certified midwives are regulated jointly by the Board of Nursing and Board of Medicine.

Virginia has one midwifery education program located at Shenandoah University.
Virginia’s maternity care workforce density is like the United States as a whole. 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 Virginia

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA  Virginia
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

- USA
- Virginia
- Virginia Midwives

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Virginia 2022

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

Race & Ethnicity Distribution of Births, 2022

- USA
- Virginia
- Virginia Midwives

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 Virginia

USA Virginia Virginia Midwives

Metro non-Metro

Physician Midwife

Metro non-Metro
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Virginia:

- Reduce the cesarean birth rate
- Increase access to breast cancer screening
Virginia Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

**Asset:** Midwives must complete 1000 hours with a written collaborative agreement, however this agreement can be with an experienced midwife (§ 54.1-2957 H)

**Asset:** Midwives reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (12VAC30-80-30)

**Asset:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure (§ 54.1-2900)

**Asset:** Midwives' prescriptive authority is subject to the requirement for 100 hours with a collaborative practice agreement (§ 54.1-2957 H)

**Opportunity:** Hospitals can not appoint midwives to medical staff (12VAC5-410-10)