## Vermont Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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<th><strong>Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023</strong></th>
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<td>Midwives Certified by AMCB</td>
<td>88</td>
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<td>Births in 2022</td>
<td>5,316</td>
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<td>Midwives per 1,000 Births</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births 2022</td>
<td>1,447</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births per midwife</td>
<td>16.4</td>
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<td>% Births Midwife-attended</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>% Vaginal births midwife-attended</td>
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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 26 V.S.A. Ch. 28 Subch. 2, which was most recently revised in 2015. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
Vermont’s maternity care workforce density is large compared to the United States as a whole.

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

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- Vermont
Births by Payer Source, 2022

**Sources of Payment for Birth**

- **USA**
- **Vermont**
- **Vermont Midwives**

**Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Vermont 2022**

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

Race & Ethnicity Distribution of Births, 2022

- 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

USA, Vermont, Vermont Midwives
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

- USA
- Vermont
- Vermont Midwives

Birth Attendants in Vermont

- Metro
- non-Metro

- Physician
- Midwife
Vermont Health Indicators, 2022

Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Vermont:

• Increase access to breast cancer screening
Opportunity: Midwives must complete 2400 hours with a collaborative practice agreement before being eligible for independent practice (26 V.S.A. § 1613)

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

Opportunity: Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure

Opportunity: Midwives' prescriptive authority is subject to the requirement for 2400 hours with a collaborative practice agreement (26 V.S.A. § 1613)

Opportunity: Hospitals can appoint midwives to medical staff; but all patients must be under the care of a physician (18 V.S.A. § 1905)