Tennessee Midwifery Workforce, 2023

**Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023**

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<td>Midwives Certified by AMCB</td>
<td>315</td>
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<td>Births in 2022</td>
<td>82,265</td>
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<td>Midwives per 1,000 Births</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births 2022</td>
<td>10,318</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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Tennessee 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 Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-123, which was most recently revised in 2022. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Tennessee's midwifery education programs are located at University of Tennessee Health Science Center and Vanderbilt University.
Tennessee’s maternity care workforce density is small compared to the United States as a whole.

Tennessee’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 Tennessee

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- Tennessee
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Tennessee 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

- USA
- Tennessee
- Tennessee Midwives

Birth Attendants in Tennessee

- Metro
- non-Metro

Physician
- Midwife
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Tennessee:

• Increase access to early prenatal care
• Reduce the preterm birth rate
• Increase breastfeeding initiation
• Increase access to breast cancer screening
Tennessee Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

1. **Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-126)
2. **Opportunity:** Midwives have delegated prescriptive authority that requires a supervision physician (Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-123)
3. **Asset:** Midwives reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (See Fee Schedule)
4. **Asset:** Midwives can join medical staff (1200-08-01-.01); but every midwife patient must be under the care of a physician for co-management (1200-08-01.05)
5. **Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure