American College of Nurse-Midwives
State Chartbook

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South Dakota Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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South Dakota 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 S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9A-1, which was most recently revised in 2017. Board-certified midwives are regulated jointly by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medicine.
South Dakota’s maternity care workforce density is small compared to the United States as a whole.

South Dakota’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 South Dakota

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA
South Dakota
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

- USA
- South Dakota
- South Dakota Midwives

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, South Dakota 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
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Births by Maternal Residence

**Maternal Residence, 2022**

- USA
- South Dakota
- South Dakota Midwives

**Birth Attendants in South Dakota**

- Physician
- Midwife
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help South Dakota:
• Increase breastfeeding initiation
South Dakota Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

**Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (2016 S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9A-15)

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

**Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure

**Asset:** Midwives have independent prescriptive authority (S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9A-13)

**Asset:** Midwives can join medical staff (S.D. Admin R 44:75:01:01)