South Carolina Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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South Carolina 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 SC Code § 40-33-20, which was most recently revised in 2022. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
South Carolina’s maternity care workforce density is like the United States as a whole.

South Carolina’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 Carolina

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA  South Carolina
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

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

Maternal Residence, 2022

Birth Attendants in South Carolina

Metro

non-Metro
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help South Carolina:

• Increase access to early prenatal care
• Reduce the preterm birth rate
• Increase breastfeeding initiation
South Carolina Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

1. Opportunity: Midwives must have a written practice agreement (S.C. Code § 40-33-34)

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

3. Opportunity: Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure

4. Opportunity: Midwives' prescriptions must include the signature of the collaborating physician (S.C. Code § 40-33-34)

5. Asset: Midwives may not joint medical staff (S.C. Code § 44-7-260(D))