**Pennsylvania Midwifery Workforce, 2023**

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Pennsylvania 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 49PA. Code §18.1, which was most recently revised in 2009. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the State Board of Medicine.

Pennsylvania's midwifery education programs are located at Thomas Jefferson University, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Pittsburgh.
Pennsylvania’s maternity care workforce density is large compared to the United States as a whole.

Pennsylvania’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 Pennsylvania

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- Pennsylvania
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Oregon 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
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

Birth Attendants in Pennsylvania

USA
Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Midwives

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Metro non-Metro

Metro
non-Metro

Physician Midwife

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
Pennsylvania Health Indicators, 2022

Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Pennsylvania:

• Increase breastfeeding initiation
Pennsylvania Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

**Opportunity:** Midwives must have a written collaborative agreement for practice (49PA. Code §18.5)

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

**Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure

Opportunity: Midwifery prescriptive authority is defined in the written collaborative agreement (49PA. Code §18.6a)

Opportunity: Hospitals are restricted from having midwives on medical staff (28 PA. Code § 107.2); though hospitals can grant clinical privileges to midwives.