American College of Nurse-Midwives
State Chartbook

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## Oregon Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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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 OAR 851-055-0000, which was most recently revised in 2021. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Oregon has one midwifery education program located at Oregon Health Sciences University.
Oregon Maternity Care Workforce Density

Oregon’s maternity care workforce density is large compared to the United States as a whole.

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

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA  Oregon
Births by Payer Source, 2022

**Sources of Payment for Birth**

- **USA**
  - Other: 0%
  - Self-Pay: 10%
  - Medicaid: 20%
  - Private Insurance: 70%

- **Oregon**
  - Other: 0%
  - Self-Pay: 10%
  - Medicaid: 20%
  - Private Insurance: 70%

- **Oregon Midwives**
  - Other: 0%
  - Self-Pay: 10%
  - Medicaid: 20%
  - Private Insurance: 70%

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

- **Other**: 15%
- **Self-Pay**: 10%
- **Medicaid**: 20%
- **Private Insurance**: 55%
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

Birth Attendants in Oregon

USA, Oregon, Oregon Midwives

Metro, non-Metro

Physician, Midwife
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Oregon:

• Increase access to breast cancer screening
Oregon Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

1. **Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (OAR 851-055-0010)
2. **Asset:** Midwives have independent prescriptive authority (OAR 851-055-0010)
3. **Asset:** Midwives reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (OAR 410-120-1340)
4. **Asset:** Hospitals are not restricted from having midwives on medical staff (OAR 333-505-0020)
5. **Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure