American College of Nurse-Midwives State Chartbook

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# Oklahoma Midwifery Workforce, 2023

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Oklahoma 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 Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 59, § 567.3a, which was most recently revised in 2020. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
Oklahoma Maternity Care Workforce Density

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

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- Oklahoma
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

- Other
- Self-Pay
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, Oklahoma 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
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- Black non-Hispanic
- White non-Hispanic
Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

- USA
- Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Midwives

Birth Attendants in Oklahoma

- Physician
- Midwife

Metro vs non-Metro comparison.
Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help Ohio:

• Reduce the rate of preterm birth
• Increase access to breast cancer screening
Oklahoma Midwifery Regulation **Assets & Opportunities**

1. **Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (59 Okl. St. § 567.3a)
2. **Opportunity:** Midwife prescriptive authority requires a written practice agreement for physician supervision (59 Okl. St. § 567.3a)
3. **Asset:** Midwives reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (See Fee Schedule)
4. **Asset:** Hospitals are not restricted from having midwives on medical staff (OK Reg. 310:667-9-1); midwives are allowed to independently manage care (OK Reg. 310:667-7-6)
5. **Opportunity:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure with a limited scope relative to certified nurse-midwives (Okla. Admin. Code § 310:395-1-2)