New York Midwifery Workforce, 2023

### Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023

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<td>Midwives Certified by AMCB</td>
<td>1065</td>
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<td>Births in 2022</td>
<td>207,774</td>
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<td>Midwives per 1,000 Births</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births 2022</td>
<td>22,788</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births per midwife</td>
<td>21.4</td>
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<td>% Births Midwife-attended</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>% Vaginal births midwife-attended</td>
<td>17%</td>
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New York 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 N.Y. Educ. Law § 6951, which was most recently revised in 2010. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Regents.

New York’s midwifery education programs are located at Columbia University, New York University, SUNY Downstate, and Stony Brook University.
New York Maternity Care Workforce Density

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

New York’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 New York

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

- USA
- New York
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, New York 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

- USA
- New York
- New York Midwives

Birth Attendants in New York

- Physician
- Midwife

Metro

non-Metro
New York Health Indicators, 2022

Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help New York:

- Increase use of contraception
- Reduce the rate of cesarean birth
New York Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

1. **Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (NY CLS Educ, Title VIII, Art. 140 § 6955)

2. **Asset:** Midwives have independent prescriptive authority (NY CLS Educ, Title VIII, Art. 140 § 6951)

3. **Opportunity:** Midwives reimbursed at 95% the physician fee (N.Y.S. Enacted Budget 2023-2024)

4. **Asset:** Hospitals can allow midwives on medical staff (N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. tit. 10 § 405.4)

5. **Asset:** Certified Midwives are eligible for licensure (Regulations of the Commissioner of Education §79-5.1)