American College of Nurse-Midwives
State Chartbook

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New Mexico Midwifery Workforce, 2023

**Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023**

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<td>Births in 2022</td>
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<td>Midwives per 1,000 Births</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births 2022</td>
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<td>Midwife-attended births per midwife</td>
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<td>% Vaginal births midwife-attended</td>
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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 N.M. Admin. Code § 16.11.2, which was most recently revised in 2020. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Department of Health.

New Mexico has one midwifery education program at the University of New Mexico.
New Mexico’s maternity care workforce density is large compared to the United States as a whole. New Mexico’s midwife density meets the World Health Organization recommended minimum midwifery workforce size of 6 midwives per 1,000 births.
Midwife-attended Births in New Mexico

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time

USA
New Mexico
Births by Payer Source, 2022

Sources of Payment for Birth

Percent of Births Midwife-Attended by Payer, New Mexico 2022
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
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Births by Maternal Residence

Maternal Residence, 2022

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Birth Attendants in New Mexico

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Increasing the midwifery workforce size could help New Mexico:

- Increase use of contraception
- Increase access to early prenatal care
- Increase access to breast cancer screening
New Mexico Midwifery Regulation Assets & Opportunities

**Asset:** Midwives are licensed for independent practice (16.11.2.9 NMAC)

**Asset:** Midwives are reimbursed at 100% the physician fee (8.310.3.11 c(2) NMAC)

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

**Asset:** Midwives have independent prescriptive authority (16.11.2.10 NMAC)

**Asset:** Hospitals can allow midwives on medical staff (7.7.2.7 NMAC)