

Midwifery Fact Sheet: Minnesota

Midwifery Workforce Indicators, 2023

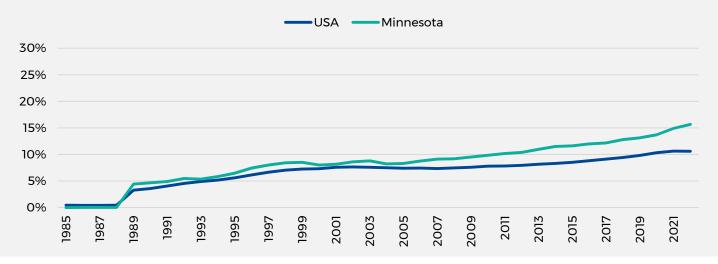
Midwives Certified by AMCB	412
Births in 2022	64,015
Midwives per 1,000 Births	6.4
Midwife-attended births 2022	10,022
Midwife-attended births per midwife	24.3
% Births Midwife-attended	16%
% Vaginal births midwife-attended	22%
Midwifery education programs	2

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 Minn. Stat. § 148.171, which was most recently revised in 2017. Board-certified midwives are regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Minnesota has two midwifery programs located at Bethel University and University of Minnesota.

Change in Midwife Attended Births Over Time



Policy Assets & Opportunities

Opportunity: Midwives are licensed for independent practice after 2,080 hours with a written collaborative agreement (Minn. Stat. § 148.235)

Asset: Midwives receive the 100% the fee a physician receives for the same service (See Medicaid Provider Manual).

Opportunity: Certified Midwives are not eligible for licensure



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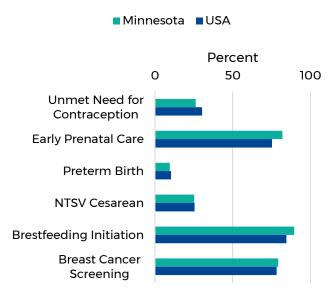
Asset: Hospitals are not prevented from granting staffing privileges to nurse-midwives (Minnesota Administrative Rules 4640.0800)



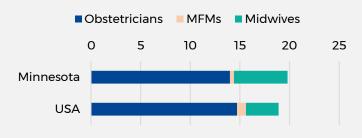
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- Both certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives are board certified. Standards for education and certification in midwifery are identical for both credentials.
- Board-certified midwives provide a full range of primary health care services in all stages of life, from the teenage years through menopause.
- While midwives are well-known for attending births, 55.1% of board-certified midwives identify reproductive care and 38.5% identify primary care as responsibilities in their full-time positions.
- Board-certified midwives provide general health check-ups, health screenings, and vaccinations.
- Board-certified midwives provide gynecologic care including miscarriage and abortion treatment, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

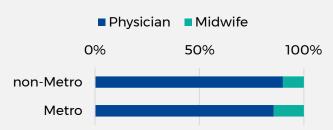
Health Indicators



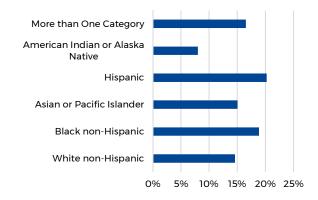
Maternity Workforce per 1,000 Births



Birth Attendants in Minnesota



By Race / Ethnicity, 2022



By Payer, 2022

