



NEW JERSEY MIDWIFERY COLLABORATIVE

Improving Black Maternal Health with Midwifery

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United States Maternal Mortality Rate

2018 AND 2021 DATA

Race and Ethnicity Data

Black patients 69.9% (55.3% 2020)

Hispanic patients 28%

White patients 26.6%

Total 32.9%/100,000 live births (2021)

23.8 (2020)

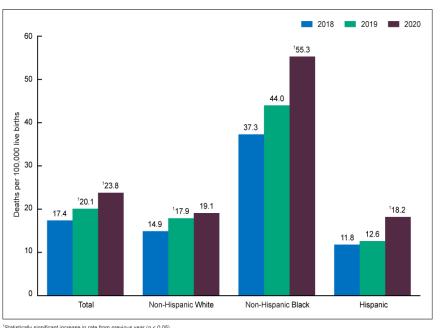
20.1 (2019)

Age Data <25 20.4

25-39 31.3

>40 138.5%

Preventable 84%



¹Statistically significant increase in rate from previous year (*p* < 0.05). NOTE: Race groups are single race.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

CDC, 2023

Maternal and Neonatal Mortality Rates

Maternal Mortality rates

United States 17/100,000 births

High Income Countries 10/100,000 births



Neonatal Mortality rates

United States 3.5 deaths/1000 live births

Black Infant 11.4/1000 live births

AIAN 9.4/1000 live births

Native Hawaiians/PI 7.4/1000 live births

Latinx, non Hispanic White, Asian Americans 5/1000

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Midwifery Care and Layered Approach...

Midwifery Attended births in the United States

4 midwives for every 1000 live births

10% of the 3.6M births

High Income Countries Midwifery Attended births

30-70 midwives for every 1000 live births

Midwifery Model of Care

Continuity of Care across the Lifespan

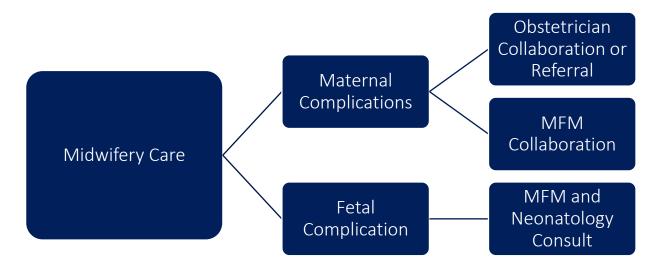
Trauma informed care

Informed Consent

Physiologic Birth

Reproductive Justice/Activism

Respectful Care



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Midwifery Data

American Midwifery Certification Board Data Demographic Report 2021 (amcbmidwife.org)

13,904 CNM/CM certificants

334 NJ

554 PA

1048 NY

43% over age 50

7.3% Black or African American..... 976 Nationally

North American Registry of Midwives <u>2021NARMAnnualReport.pdf</u>

2723 CPM certificants

12 NJ

69 PA

33 NY

Certification Board	U.S. Midwives
AMCB	13904
NARM	2723
Total	16,627

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Midwifery Workforce

Antiracism Models of Care and Allyship

Workforce Development Strategies

Local, State and National Community Partnerships

National Black Midwives Alliances and Partnerships

First National Black Midwives Day March 14, 2023

Removing Barriers to Practice

Financial

Length of Program

Preceptors/Clinical Sites

Entrepreneurship Models like Birth Centers or Stand Alone Prenatal Care offices

How midwives can improve Black Maternal Health

Increase MOC in the US

Increase programs that are welcoming to BIPOC students through workforce development

Concordant Care for marginalized and at risk populations



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