



Appendix A: Maternity care access score by state

State	Counties (n)	Mean maternity care access score
Alabama	67	13.7
Alaska	29	9.9
Arizona	15	9.8
Arkansas	75	14
California	58	6.3
Colorado	64	8.3
Connecticut	8	3.8
Delaware	3	4.3
District of Columbia	1	2
Florida	67	9.3
Georgia	159	12.5
Hawaii	4	4.5
Idaho	44	9.1
Illinois	102	11.4
Indiana	92	9.9
Iowa	99	9.7
Kansas	105	10.5
Kentucky	120	13.7
Louisiana	64	14
Maine	16	7.4
Maryland	24	7.3
Massachusetts	14	3.7
Michigan	83	9.2
Minnesota	87	8.1
Mississippi	82	14.9



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State	Counties (n)	Mean maternity care access score
Missouri	115	13.1
Montana	56	10.1
Nebraska	93	8.8
Nevada	17	9.1
New Hampshire	10	4.7
New Jersey	21	4
New Mexico	33	12
New York	62	6.9
North Carolina	100	10.5
North Dakota	53	11.3
Ohio	88	9.5
Oklahoma	77	13.9
Oregon	36	7.1
Pennsylvania	67	7.4
Rhode Island	5	3.2
South Carolina	46	12.1
South Dakota	66	10.8
Tennessee	95	12.7
Texas	254	11.8
Utah	29	7
Vermont	14	6.7
Virginia	133	10
Washington	39	7.7
West Virginia	55	13.9
Wisconsin	72	7.2

Appendix B: Chronic conditions by maternal race/ethnicity and year

	Obesity (%)	Hypertension (%)	Diabetes (%)	Smoking (%)
2015				
Hispanic	27.4	1	0.9	4.9
White	23.1	1.5	0.7	15.8
Black	34.8	3.3	1.1	10.4
AIAN	36.5	2.2	1.9	22.1
API	9.9	0.9	0.8	3.9
2022				
Hispanic	35.3	1.9	1.3	1.4
White	28.8	2.9	0.9	6.6
Black	41.6	5.4	1.6	3.9
AIAN	43.7	3.8	2.9	13.5
API	14.8	1.8	1.4	0.6
Percent Change				
Hispanic	28.8	90	44.4	-71.4
White	24.7	93.3	28.6	-58.2
Black	19.5	63.6	45.5	-62.5
AIAN	19.7	72.7	52.6	-38.9
API	49.5	100	75	-84.6

Notes: AIAN: American Indian/Alaska Native; API: Asian/Pacific Islander; data reflect percentages of live births with the corresponding condition indicated on birth certificate; all conditions are indicated as pre-pregnancy.



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Appendix C: Midwifery policies by state

State	Licensed to practice independently	Prescription authority	Equal reimbursement	Can admit hospital patients	Licenses for certified midwives
Alabama	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Alaska	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Arizona	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Arkansas	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
California	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Colorado	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Connecticut	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Delaware	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
District of Columbia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Florida	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Georgia	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Hawaii	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Idaho	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Illinois	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Indiana	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Iowa	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Kansas	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Kentucky	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
Louisiana	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Maine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maryland	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Massachusetts	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Michigan	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Minnesota	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Mississippi	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗

Source: American College of Nurse Midwives, 2024.

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Montana	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Nebraska	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Nevada	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
New Hampshire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
New Jersey	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
New Mexico	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
New York	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
North Carolina	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
North Dakota	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Ohio	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Oklahoma	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
Oregon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Pennsylvania	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Rhode Island	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Carolina	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
South Dakota	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Tennessee	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
Texas	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Utah	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Vermont	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Virginia	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Washington	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
West Virginia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Wisconsin	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Wyoming	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗