

## MIDWIFERY PROGRAM LICENSING STATISTICS

Licensed Midwives	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY 24/25
Applications Received	9	10	6	11	36
Applications Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0
Licenses Issued	8	8	9	9	34
Licenses Renewed	50	58	63	74	245
Licenses Cancelled	6	5	1	4	16
Licenses Retired	0	0	1	0	1

Licensed Midwives	FY 23/24	FY 22/23	FY 21/22	FY 20/21	FY 19/20
Applications Received	26	31	44	32	43
Applications Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0
Licenses Issued	26	31	36	35	40
Licenses Renewed	219	206	225	201	190
Licenses Cancelled	14	12	6	5	5
Licenses Retired	2	6	0	1	4

Licensed Midwife License Statuses <sup>1</sup>					
Data as of:	7/1/2025	7/1/2024	7/1/2023	7/1/2022	7/1/2021
Renewed / Current	507	491	492	477	481
Delinquent	119	119	109	101	75
Cancelled	119	103	89	81	69
Revoked	4	4	4	4	4
Surrendered	14	13	10	7	7
Deceased	7	6	6	6	6

<sup>1</sup>Data is a snapshot of all midwife licenses as of the date listed.

# MIDWIFERY PROGRAM

## Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Delivery to Hospital Reporting Form

<b>Hospital Reporting Forms Received</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q1</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q2</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q3</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q4</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Total</b>
Licensed Midwife	46	63	45	40	<b>194</b>
Certified Nurse-Midwife	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Unlicensed/Unknown	2	4	3	4	<b>13</b>

<b>Hospital Reporting Forms Received by Fiscal Year</b>	<b>FY 23/24 Total</b>	<b>FY 22/23 Total</b>	<b>FY 21/22 Total</b>	<b>FY 20/21 Total</b>	<b>FY 19/20 Total</b>
Licensed Midwife	207	226	150	254	179
Certified Nurse-Midwife	5	1	0	4	2
Unlicensed/Unknown	9	3	2	1	2

## MIDWIFERY PROGRAM - ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

<b>LICENSED MIDWIVES</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q1</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q2</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q3</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q4</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Total</b>
Total number of complaints received	6	5	7	10	<b>28</b>
Total number of complaints closed	5	4	5	4	<b>18</b>
Total number of complaints referred for investigation	0	5	0	1	<b>6</b>
Total number of investigations closed	0	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	0	1	0	1	<b>2</b>
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
The number of probation violation reports referred to the AG	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>

<b>LICENSED MIDWIVES</b>	<b>FY 23/24</b>	<b>FY 22/23</b>	<b>FY 21/22</b>	<b>FY 20/21</b>	<b>FY 19/20</b>
Total number of complaints received	37	17	11	24	24
Total number of complaints closed	27	11	12	25	26
Total number of complaints referred for investigation	7	0	1	4	7
Total number of investigations closed	0	3	0	1	3
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	0	2	6	4	2
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	0	1	0	0	0
The number of probation violation reports referred to the AG	0	0	0	0	0

## MIDWIFERY PROGRAM - ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

<b>UNLICENSED MIDWIVES</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q1</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q2</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q3</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Q4</b>	<b>FY 24/25 Total</b>
Total number of complaints received	1	4	0	5	10
Total number of complaints closed	1	1	1	4	7
Total number of complaints referred for investigation	0	3	0	0	3
Total number of investigations closed	1	0	1	0	2
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	0	0	0	0	0

<b>UNLICENSED MIDWIVES</b>	<b>FY 23/24</b>	<b>FY 22/23</b>	<b>FY 21/22</b>	<b>FY 20/21</b>	<b>FY 19/20</b>
Total number of complaints received	3	2	5	5	12
Total number of complaints closed	2	1	2	5	7
Total number of complaints referred for investigation	0	1	0	0	8
Total number of investigations closed	1	0	0	2	1
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	1	0	0	0	0
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	1	0	0	1	0

## MIDWIFERY PROGRAM - ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

### Transfer of Planned Out-of-Hospital Delivery to Hospital Reporting Form

LICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 24/25 Q1	FY 24/25 Q2	FY 24/25 Q3	FY 24/25 Q4	FY 24/25 Total
Total number received	46	63	45	40	194
Total number closed	50	66	39	36	191
Total number referred for investigation	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of investigations closed	0	0	1	0	1
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	0	0	0	0	0

LICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 23/24	FY 22/23	FY 21/22	FY 20/21	FY 19/20
Total number received	205	226	150	254	179
Total number closed	197	230	159	247	207
Total number referred for investigation	3	2	0	1	1
Total number of investigations closed	4	1	0	1	5
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	0	0	0	0	2
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	0	1	0	0	0

\* Reporting started FY 18/19

*Note: Transfer reporting forms received for Nurse-Midwives are included under unlicensed midwives.*

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UNLICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 24/25 Q1	FY 24/25 Q2	FY 24/25 Q3	FY 24/25 Q4	FY 24/25 Total
Total number received	2	4	3	6	15
Total number closed	5	4	3	5	17
Total number referred for investigation	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of investigations closed	0	1	0	0	1
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	0	1	0	0	1

UNLICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 23/24	FY 22/23	FY 21/22	FY 20/21	FY 19/20
Total number received	14	3	2	5	4
Total number closed	13	3	2	5	4
Total number referred for investigation	2	1	0	0	0
Total number of investigations closed	2	0	0	0	0
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	0	0	0	0	0

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# California Licensed Midwife Annual Report Summary

2024 Reporting Year

**AS OF JULY 29, 2025**

## Submission Summary

Midwives Expected to Report	<b>613</b>
Number Reported	<b>370</b>
Number Unreported	<b>243</b>

## Services Provided in California

Number of midwives or student midwives supervised by a midwife who performed midwifery services in <b>State of California</b> during the reporting year when the intended place of birth at the onset of care was an out-of-hospital setting	<b>259</b>
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## Client Services

Total number of clients served as primary caregiver during this calendar year	<b>6504</b>
Clients who left care for a non-medical reason	<b>282</b>
Clients whose pregnancies ended for any reason prior to 20 weeks gestation	<b>166</b>
Clients served whose births were still pending on the last day of the reporting year	<b>1244</b>
<b>Total number of clients covered in this report</b>	<b>4812</b>

## Out-of-Hospital Birth Outcomes Per County

County Name	Number of live births	Number of live pre-term births (before 37 0/7 weeks gestation)	Number of live term births (between 37 1/7 and 41 6/7 weeks)	Number of live post-term births (after 42 0/7 weeks)	Number of low birth weight, term, infants (under 2500 grams)
Alameda County	156	2	153	1	0
Alpine County	0	0	0	0	0
Amador County	8	0	8	0	0
Butte County	32	0	32	0	0
Calaveras County	10	0	10	0	0
Colusa County	3	0	3	0	0
Contra Costa County	47	0	47	0	0
Del Norte County	1	0	1	0	0
El Dorado County	44	2	42	0	1
Fresno County	21	0	21	0	1
Glenn County	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt County	48	0	48	0	0
Imperial County	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo County	0	0	0	0	0
Kern County	57	0	57	0	0
Kings County	6	0	6	0	0
Lake County	4	0	4	0	0
Lassen County	9	0	9	0	0
Los Angeles County	674	6	668	0	1
Madera County	13	0	13	0	1
Marin County	24	0	24	0	0
Mariposa County	2	0	2	0	0
Mendocino County	65	0	65	0	0
Merced County	13	0	13	0	0
Modoc County	0	0	0	0	0
Mono County	1	0	1	0	0
Monterey County	37	0	37	0	0
Napa County	46	0	46	0	0
Nevada County	51	0	51	0	0
Orange County	232	1	231	0	2
Placer County	168	0	167	1	0



Plumas County	2	0	2	0	0
Riverside County	296	1	292	0	3
Sacramento County	78	0	78	0	0
San Benito County	2	0	2	0	0
San Bernardino County	174	4	170	0	3
San Diego County	521	4	513	4	3
San Francisco County	33	0	33	0	0
San Joaquin County	29	0	29	0	1
San Luis Obispo County	123	0	123	0	0
San Mateo County	23	1	22	0	0
Santa Barbara County	61	0	61	0	0
Santa Clara County	87	1	86	0	1
Santa Cruz County	60	0	60	0	1
Shasta County	104	0	103	0	0
Sierra County	2	0	2	0	0
Siskiyou County	4	0	4	0	0
Solano County	20	0	20	0	0
Sonoma County	104	0	104	0	2
Stanislaus County	34	0	34	0	2
Sutter County	2	0	2	0	0
Tehama County	5	0	5	0	0
Trinity County	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare County	16	0	16	0	0
Tuolumne County	57	0	57	0	0
Ventura County	134	0	133	1	0
Yolo County	10	0	10	0	0
Yuba County	10	0	10	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3763</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3730</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>

## Out-of-Hospital Birth Outcomes

Planned out-of-hospital births at the onset of labor *	<b>4423</b>
Completed births in an out-of-hospital setting *	<b>3744</b>
Non-VBAC completed singleton breech live born deliveries	<b>34</b>
→ Of the non-VBAC completed singleton breech live born deliveries, total number of precipitous deliveries	<b>13</b>
Sets of twins both delivered out of hospital	<b>6</b>
→ Of the sets of twins both delivered out of hospital, total number of precipitous deliveries	<b>2</b>
Sets of higher order multiples all delivered out of hospital	<b>0</b>
→ Of the sets of higher order multiples all delivered out of hospital, total number of precipitous deliveries	<b>0</b>

*\* Clients delivering multiples is counted as one birth*

## Out-of-Hospital VBAC Deliveries and Client History

Planned VBACs at the onset of term labor or term rupture of membranes *	<b>246</b>
Completed VBACs *	<b>185</b>
VBAC completed singleton vertex live born deliveries *	<b>185</b>
VBAC completed singleton breech live born deliveries *	<b>0</b>
VBAC infants' gestational age less than 37 weeks total	<b>1</b>
→ Of the VBAC infants' gestational age less than 37 weeks total, number of precipitous deliveries *	<b>0</b>
VBAC infants' gestational age between 37.1 and 41.6 weeks total	<b>182</b>
VBAC infants' gestational age 42 weeks or more total	<b>2</b>
<b>VBAC Client History</b>	
VBAC clients who had 0 prior vaginal deliveries	<b>108</b>
VBAC clients who had 1 prior vaginal delivery	<b>58</b>
VBAC clients who had 2 prior vaginal deliveries	<b>29</b>
VBAC clients who had 3 prior vaginal deliveries	<b>9</b>
VBAC clients who had 4 prior vaginal deliveries	<b>7</b>
VBAC clients who had 5 or more prior vaginal deliveries	<b>8</b>
VBAC clients who had 1 prior caesarean delivery	<b>196</b>
VBAC clients who had 2 prior caesarean deliveries	<b>23</b>
VBAC clients who had 3 prior caesarean deliveries	<b>0</b>
VBAC clients who had 4 prior caesarean deliveries	<b>0</b>
VBAC clients who had 5 or more prior caesarean deliveries	<b>0</b>
VBAC clients who had 0 prior VBAC deliveries	<b>108</b>
VBAC clients who had 1 prior VBAC delivery	<b>59</b>

VBAC clients who had 2 prior VBAC deliveries	<b>27</b>
VBAC clients who had 3 prior VBAC deliveries	<b>16</b>
VBAC clients who had 4 prior VBAC deliveries	<b>4</b>
VBAC clients who had 5 or more prior VBAC deliveries	<b>5</b>

*\* Clients delivering multiples is counted as one VBAC*

## Antepartum Transfer of Care, Elective/Non-Emergency

Medical or mental health conditions unrelated to pregnancy	<b>3</b>
Hypertension developed in pregnancy	<b>42</b>
Blood coagulation disorders, including phlebitis	<b>1</b>
Anemia	<b>3</b>
Persistent vomiting with dehydration	<b>0</b>
Nutritional and weight loss issues, failure to gain weight	<b>0</b>
Gestational diabetes	<b>11</b>
Vaginal bleeding	<b>2</b>
Suspected or known placental anomalies or implantation abnormalities	<b>5</b>
Loss of pregnancy (includes spontaneous and elective abortion)	<b>6</b>
HIV test positive	<b>0</b>
Suspected intrauterine growth restriction, suspected macrosomia	<b>6</b>
Fetal anomalies	<b>8</b>
Abnormal amniotic fluid volumes; oligohydramnios or polyhydramnios	<b>15</b>
Fetal heart irregularities	<b>6</b>
Non vertex lie at term	<b>40</b>
Greater than 42 weeks and less than 37 weeks gestation	<b>57</b>
Multiple gestation	<b>11</b>
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	<b>17</b>
Client request	<b>18</b>
Other	<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>

## Antepartum Transfer of Care, Urgent/Emergency

Non pregnancy-related medical condition	0
Severe or persistent headache, pregnancy-induced hypertension (PIH), or preeclampsia	45
Isoimmunization, severe anemia, or other blood related issues	0
Significant infection	0
Significant vaginal bleeding	9
Preterm labor or preterm rupture of membranes	22
Marked decrease in fetal movement, abnormal fetal heart tones, non-reassuring non-stress test (NST)	15
Less than 37 0/7 weeks gestation with rupture of membranes	5
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	7
Fetal demise	5
Other	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>

## Intrapartum Transfer of Care, Elective/Non-Emergency

Persistent hypertension; severe or persistent headache	17
Active herpes lesion	0
Abnormal bleeding	10
Signs of infection	8
Prolonged rupture of membranes	48
Lack of progress; maternal exhaustion; dehydration	273
Thick meconium in the absence of fetal distress	12
Non-vertex presentation	17
Unstable lie or mal-position of the vertex	8
Less than 37 weeks gestation in labor	15
Greater than 42 weeks gestation in labor	10
Multiple gestation	1
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	20
Client request; request for medical methods of pain relief	131
Other	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>574</b>

## Intrapartum Transfer of Care, Urgent/Emergency

Suspected preeclampsia, eclampsia, seizures	8
Significant vaginal bleeding; suspected placental abruption; severe abdominal pain inconsistent with normal labor	8
Suspected uterine rupture	4
Maternal shock, loss of consciousness	1
Prolapsed umbilical cord	3
Non-reassuring fetal heart tones and/or signs or symptoms of fetal distress	51
Less than 37 weeks gestation in labor	14
Greater than 42 weeks gestation in labor	0
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	13
Other	7
Multiple gestation	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>

## Postpartum Transfer of Care – Client, Elective/Non-Emergency

Adherent or retained placenta without significant bleeding	2
Repair of laceration beyond level of midwife's expertise	10
Postpartum depression	0
Social, emotional or physical conditions outside of scope of practice	0
Excessive or prolonged bleeding in later postpartum period	1
Signs of infection	0
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	1
Client request	1
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

## Postpartum Transfer of Care – Client, Urgent/Emergency

Abnormal or unstable vital signs	5
Uterine inversion, rupture or prolapse	0
Uncontrolled hemorrhage	10
Seizures or unconsciousness, shock	1
Adherent or retained placenta with significant bleeding	16
Suspected postpartum psychosis	1
Signs of significant infection	0
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	4
Other	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

## Transfer of Care – Infant, Elective/Non-Emergency

Low birth weight	2
Congenital anomalies	0
Birth injury	0
Poor transition to extrauterine life	6
Insufficient passage of urine or meconium	0
Parental request	2
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	6
Other	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

## Transfer of Care – Infant, Urgent/Emergency

Abnormal vital signs or color, poor tone, lethargy, no interest in nursing	16
Signs or symptoms of infection	1
Abnormal cry, seizures or loss of consciousness	1
Significant jaundice at birth or within thirty (30) hours	0
Evidence of clinically significant prematurity	1
Congenital anomalies	1
Birth injury	0
Significant dehydration or depression of fontanelles	0
Significant cardiac or respiratory issues	14
Ten (10) minute APGAR score of six (6) or less	1
Abnormal bulging of fontanelles	0
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	5
Other	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>

## Birth Outcomes After Transfer of Care

Client Outcome	Vaginal Birth	Caesarean Delivery	VBAC	Delivery Method Unknown
Without complication	620	359	33	14
With serious pregnancy/birth related medical complications resolved by six (6) weeks	30	22	0	2
With serious pregnancy/birth related medical complications not resolved by six (6) weeks	4	6	0	0
Death of client	0	0	0	0
Other	5	7	0	1
Information not obtainable	0	0	0	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>
Infant Outcome	Vaginal Birth	Caesarean Delivery	VBAC	
Healthy live born infant	639	367	31	
With serious pregnancy/birth related medical complications resolved by four (4) weeks	29	12	2	
With serious pregnancy/birth related medical complications not resolved by four (4) weeks	9	10	1	
Live born infant who subsequently died	6	1	0	
Other	14	2	0	
Information not obtainable	1	1	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>34</b>	



## Fetal Demise, Infant, and/or Maternal Death Per County

County Name	Fetal Demise	Infant Death	Maternal Death
Alameda County	1	0	0
Alpine County	0	0	0
Amador County	0	0	0
Butte County	0	0	0
Calaveras County	0	0	0
Colusa County	0	0	0
Contra Costa County	0	0	0
Del Norte County	0	0	0
El Dorado County	0	0	0
Fresno County	0	0	0
Glenn County	0	0	0
Humboldt County	0	0	0
Imperial County	0	0	0
Inyo County	0	0	0
Kern County	0	0	0
Kings County	0	0	0
Lake County	0	0	0
Lassen County	0	0	0
Los Angeles County	2	1	0
Madera County	0	0	0
Marin County	0	0	0
Mariposa County	0	0	0
Mendocino County	3	0	0
Merced County	0	0	0
Modoc County	0	0	0
Mono County	0	0	0
Monterey County	0	0	0
Napa County	0	0	0
Nevada County	0	0	0
Orange County	3	1	0
Placer County	0	0	0
Plumas County	0	0	0
Riverside County	1	0	0
Sacramento County	2	0	0

San Benito County	0	0	0
San Bernardino County	0	0	0
San Diego County	3	0	0
San Francisco County	0	0	0
San Joaquin County	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo County	0	0	0
San Mateo County	0	0	0
Santa Barbara County	2	0	0
Santa Clara County	0	0	0
Santa Cruz County	1	0	0
Shasta County	1	0	0
Sierra County	0	0	0
Siskiyou County	0	0	0
Solano County	0	0	0
Sonoma County	0	0	0
Stanislaus County	0	0	0
Sutter County	0	0	0
Tehama County	0	0	0
Trinity County	0	0	0
Tulare County	0	0	0
Tuolumne County	2	0	0
Ventura County	2	0	0
Yolo County	0	0	0
Yuba County	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

## Fetal Demise

Prior to rupture of membranes without labor (20 0/7 weeks to 36 6/7 weeks)	6
Prior to rupture of membranes without labor (37 0/7 weeks to 41 6/7 weeks)	8
Prior to rupture of membranes without labor (42 0/7 weeks and greater)	0
After rupture of membranes without labor (20 0/7 weeks to 36 6/7 weeks)	0
After rupture of membranes without labor (37 0/7 weeks to 41 6/7 weeks)	0
After rupture of membranes without labor (42 0/7 weeks and greater)	0
After Onset of Labor (20 0/7 weeks to 36 6/7 weeks)	1
After Onset of Labor (37 0/7 weeks to 41 6/7 weeks)	8
After Onset of Labor (42 0/7 weeks and greater)	0
→ Cases where fetal demise was diagnosed prior to labor by a physician and later delivered out-of-hospital by the midwife at the request of the client (not included in Total)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

## Infant Death

Early Infant – birth through the end of the seventh (7th) day of extra-uterine life	2
Late Infant – eighth (8th) day of extra-uterine life through the end of day twenty-seven (27) of extra-uterine life	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

## Maternal Death

While pregnant	0
Within forty-two (42) days of ending a pregnancy	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

## Complications Leading to Fetal Demise, Infant, and/or Maternal Death

Fetal Complication	Out-of-Hospital	After Transfer	
Anomaly incompatible with life	1	1	
Infection	0	0	
Uterine rupture	0	0	
Cord accident	6	3	
Other Maternal complication	0	0	
Maternal death	0	0	
Other	3	4	
Information not obtainable	3	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	
Infant Complication	Out-of-Hospital	After Transfer	In Hospital Distant to Immediate Postpartum Period
Anomaly incompatible with life	0	0	0
Infection	0	0	0
Meconium aspiration, other respiratory	0	0	0
Neurological issues/seizures	0	0	0
Uterine rupture	0	0	0
Other medical issue	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Information not obtainable	0	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Maternal Complication	Out-of-Hospital	After Transfer	In Hospital Distant to Immediate Postpartum Period
Blood loss	0	0	0
Sepsis	0	0	0
Eclampsia/toxemia or HELLP syndrome	0	0	0
Embolism (pulmonary or amniotic fluid)	0	0	0
Uterine rupture	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Information not obtainable	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>