

MIDWIFERY PROGRAM LICENSING STATISTICS

Licensed Midwives	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY 25/26
Applications Received	2	8	4	4	18
Applications Withdrawn	0	0	0	7	7
Licenses Issued	4	7	5	5	21
Licenses Renewed	58	53	64	51	226
Licenses Cancelled	1	6	6	3	16
Licenses Retired	1	0	1	0	2
Licensed Midwives	FY 24/25	FY 23/24	FY 22/23	FY 21/22	FY 20/21
Applications Received	36	26	31	44	32
Applications Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0
Licenses Issued	34	26	31	36	35
Licenses Renewed	245	219	206	225	201
Licenses Cancelled	16	14	12	6	5
Licenses Retired	1	2	6	0	1
Licensed Midwife License Statuses ¹					
Data as of:	7/1/2026	7/1/2025	7/1/2024	7/1/2023	7/1/2022
Renewed / Current	508	507	491	492	477
Delinquent	123	119	119	109	101
Cancelled	135	119	103	89	81
Revoked	4	4	4	4	4
Surrendered	14	14	13	10	7
Deceased	7	7	6	6	6

¹Data is a snapshot of all midwife licenses as of the date listed.

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

Hospital Reporting Forms Received	FY 25/26 Q1	FY 25/26 Q2	FY 25/26 Q3	FY 25/26 Q4	FY 25/26 Total
Licensed Midwife	42	38	43	39	162
Certified Nurse-Midwife	2	0	0	0	2
Unlicensed/Unknown	2	1	3	5	11

Hospital Reporting Forms Received by Fiscal Year	FY 24/25 Total	FY 23/24 Total	FY 22/23 Total	FY 21/22 Total	FY 20/21 Total
Licensed Midwife	194	207	226	150	254
Certified Nurse-Midwife	1	5	1	0	4
Unlicensed/Unknown	13	9	3	2	1

MIDWIFERY PROGRAM - ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

LICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 25/26 Q1	FY 25/26 Q2	FY 25/26 Q3	FY 25/26 Q4	FY 25/26 Total
Total number of complaints received	5	8	10	6	29
Total number of complaints closed	5	2	10	4	21
Total number of complaints referred for investigation	0	0	1	0	1
Total number of investigations closed	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	0	3	0	1	4
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	0	0	0	0	0
The number of probation violation reports referred to the AG	0	0	0	0	0

LICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 24/25	FY 23/24	FY 22/23	FY 21/22	FY 20/21
Total number of complaints received	28	37	17	11	24
Total number of complaints closed	18	27	11	12	25
Total number of complaints referred for investigation	6	7	0	1	4
Total number of investigations closed	2	0	3	0	1
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	2	0	2	6	4
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	0	0	1	0	0
The number of probation violation reports referred to the AG	0	0	0	0	0

MIDWIFERY PROGRAM - ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

UNLICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 25/26 Q1	FY 25/26 Q2	FY 25/26 Q3	FY 25/26 Q4	FY 25/26 Total
Total number of complaints received	1	2	2	6	11
Total number of complaints closed	1	2	2	4	9
Total number of complaints referred for investigation	0	0	0	1	1
Total number of investigations closed	0	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

UNLICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 24/25	FY 23/24	FY 22/23	FY 21/22	FY 20/21
Total number of complaints received	10	3	2	5	5
Total number of complaints closed	7	2	1	2	5
Total number of complaints referred for investigation	3	0	1	0	0
Total number of investigations closed	2	1	0	0	2
Total number of cases referred to the Attorney General (AG)	0	1	0	0	0
Total number of cases referred for criminal action	0	1	0	0	1

MIDWIFERY PROGRAM - ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

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

LICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 25/26 Q1	FY 25/26 Q2	FY 25/26 Q3	FY 25/26 Q4	FY 25/26 Total
Total number received	42	38	43	44	167
Total number closed	45	33	42	39	159
Total number referred for investigation	0	0	0	1	1
Total number of investigations closed	0	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

LICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 24/25	FY 23/24	FY 22/23	FY 21/22	FY 20/21
Total number received	205	205	226	150	254
Total number closed	197	197	230	159	247
Total number referred for investigation	3	3	2	0	1
Total number of investigations closed	4	4	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	1	0	0

* Reporting started FY 18/19

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

MIDWIFERY PROGRAM - ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

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

UNLICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 25/26 Q1	FY 25/26 Q2	FY 25/26 Q3	FY 25/26 Q4	FY 25/26 Total
Total number received	4	1	3	5	13
Total number closed	1	3	3	1	8
Total number referred for investigation	0	0	0	0	0
Total number of investigations closed	0	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

UNLICENSED MIDWIVES	FY 24/25	FY 23/24	FY 22/23	FY 21/22	FY 20/21
Total number received	15	14	3	2	5
Total number closed	17	13	3	2	5
Total number referred for investigation	0	2	1	0	0
Total number of investigations closed	1	2	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	1	0	0	0	0

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California Licensed Midwife Annual Report Summary

2025 Reporting Year

AS OF JULY 28, 2026

Submission Summary

Midwives Expected to Report	630
Number Reported	372
Number Unreported	258

Services Provided in California

Number of midwives or student midwives supervised by a midwife who performed midwifery services in State of California during the reporting year when the intended place of birth at the onset of care was an out-of-hospital setting	254
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Client Services

Total number of clients served as primary caregiver during this calendar year	6404
Clients who left care for a non-medical reason	280
Clients whose pregnancies ended for any reason prior to 20 weeks gestation	196
Clients served whose births were still pending on the last day of the reporting year	1256
Total number of clients covered in this report	4672

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	125	0	125	0	0
Alpine County	0	0	0	0	0
Amador County	4	0	4	0	0
Butte County	27	0	27	0	0
Calaveras County	7	0	7	0	0
Colusa County	1	0	1	0	0
Contra Costa County	33	0	33	0	0
Del Norte County	11	0	11	0	0
El Dorado County	49	0	49	0	1
Fresno County	103	0	103	0	0
Glenn County	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt County	29	0	29	0	1
Imperial County	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo County	0	0	0	0	0
Kern County	51	2	49	0	1
Kings County	5	0	5	0	0
Lake County	2	0	2	0	0
Lassen County	9	0	9	0	0
Los Angeles County	614	2	609	3	1
Madera County	20	0	20	0	1
Marin County	21	0	21	0	0
Mariposa County	4	0	4	0	0
Mendocino County	33	0	33	0	0
Merced County	12	0	12	0	1
Modoc County	0	0	0	0	0
Mono County	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey County	16	0	16	0	0
Napa County	32	0	32	0	0
Nevada County	53	1	52	0	0
Orange County	263	2	261	0	0
Placer County	146	0	145	1	0

Plumas County	6	0	6	0	0
Riverside County	281	1	279	1	1
Sacramento County	112	1	111	0	0
San Benito County	2	0	2	0	0
San Bernardino County	142	0	141	1	1
San Diego County	339	0	339	0	1
San Francisco County	47	1	46	0	0
San Joaquin County	24	0	24	0	0
San Luis Obispo County	125	0	125	0	0
San Mateo County	22	0	22	0	0
Santa Barbara County	70	0	70	0	0
Santa Clara County	86	0	86	0	0
Santa Cruz County	51	0	51	0	0
Shasta County	114	4	110	0	0
Sierra County	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou County	2	0	2	0	0
Solano County	20	0	20	0	0
Sonoma County	101	0	101	0	0
Stanislaus County	50	0	49	1	0
Sutter County	5	0	5	0	0
Tehama County	14	0	14	0	0
Trinity County	1	0	1	0	0
Tulare County	34	0	34	0	0
Tuolumne County	32	0	32	0	0
Ventura County	173	3	169	0	0
Yolo County	12	0	12	0	0
Yuba County	22	0	22	0	0
Totals	3557	17	3532	7	9

Out-of-Hospital Birth Outcomes

Planned out-of-hospital births at the onset of labor *	4230
Completed births in an out-of-hospital setting *	3538
Non-VBAC completed singleton breech live born deliveries	96
→ Of the non-VBAC completed singleton breech live born deliveries, total number of precipitous deliveries	18
Sets of twins both delivered out of hospital	4
→ Of the sets of twins both delivered out of hospital, total number of precipitous deliveries	3
Sets of higher order multiples all delivered out of hospital	0
→ Of the sets of higher order multiples all delivered out of hospital, total number of precipitous deliveries	0

* 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 *	242
Completed VBACs *	186
VBAC completed singleton vertex live born deliveries *	186
VBAC completed singleton breech live born deliveries *	0
VBAC infants' gestational age less than 37 weeks total	1
→ Of the VBAC infants' gestational age less than 37 weeks total, number of precipitous deliveries *	0
VBAC infants' gestational age between 37.1 and 41.6 weeks total	183
VBAC infants' gestational age 42 weeks or more total	2
VBAC Client History	
VBAC clients who had 0 prior vaginal deliveries	109
VBAC clients who had 1 prior vaginal delivery	63
VBAC clients who had 2 prior vaginal deliveries	21
VBAC clients who had 3 prior vaginal deliveries	10
VBAC clients who had 4 prior vaginal deliveries	4
VBAC clients who had 5 or more prior vaginal deliveries	2
VBAC clients who had 1 prior caesarean delivery	179
VBAC clients who had 2 prior caesarean deliveries	27
VBAC clients who had 3 prior caesarean deliveries	3
VBAC clients who had 4 prior caesarean deliveries	0
VBAC clients who had 5 or more prior caesarean deliveries	0
VBAC clients who had 0 prior VBAC deliveries	116
VBAC clients who had 1 prior VBAC delivery	52

VBAC clients who had 2 prior VBAC deliveries	27
VBAC clients who had 3 prior VBAC deliveries	10
VBAC clients who had 4 prior VBAC deliveries	3
VBAC clients who had 5 or more prior VBAC deliveries	1

** Clients delivering multiples is counted as one VBAC*

Antepartum Transfer of Care, Elective/Non-Emergency

Medical or mental health conditions unrelated to pregnancy	6
Hypertension developed in pregnancy	44
Blood coagulation disorders, including phlebitis	4
Anemia	3
Persistent vomiting with dehydration	1
Nutritional and weight loss issues, failure to gain weight	0
Gestational diabetes	15
Vaginal bleeding	0
Suspected or known placental anomalies or implantation abnormalities	8
Loss of pregnancy (includes spontaneous and elective abortion)	1
HIV test positive	0
Suspected intrauterine growth restriction, suspected macrosomia	16
Fetal anomalies	7
Abnormal amniotic fluid volumes; oligohydramnios or polyhydramnios	14
Fetal heart irregularities	7
Non vertex lie at term	54
Greater than 42 weeks and less than 37 weeks gestation	43
Multiple gestation	17
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	32
Client request	32
Other	28
Total	332

Antepartum Transfer of Care, Urgent/Emergency

Non pregnancy-related medical condition	2
Severe or persistent headache, pregnancy-induced hypertension (PIH), or preeclampsia	44
Isoimmunization, severe anemia, or other blood related issues	0
Significant infection	1
Significant vaginal bleeding	9
Preterm labor or preterm rupture of membranes	14
Marked decrease in fetal movement, abnormal fetal heart tones, non-reassuring non-stress test (NST)	18
Less than 37 0/7 weeks gestation with rupture of membranes	3
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	9
Fetal demise	4
Other	6
Total	110

Intrapartum Transfer of Care, Elective/Non-Emergency

Persistent hypertension; severe or persistent headache	9
Active herpes lesion	0
Abnormal bleeding	3
Signs of infection	5
Prolonged rupture of membranes	43
Lack of progress; maternal exhaustion; dehydration	238
Thick meconium in the absence of fetal distress	14
Non-vertex presentation	12
Unstable lie or mal-position of the vertex	4
Less than 37 weeks gestation in labor	18
Greater than 42 weeks gestation in labor	12
Multiple gestation	0
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	22
Client request; request for medical methods of pain relief	192
Other	5
Total	577

Intrapartum Transfer of Care, Urgent/Emergency

Suspected preeclampsia, eclampsia, seizures	8
Significant vaginal bleeding; suspected placental abruption; severe abdominal pain inconsistent with normal labor	15
Suspected uterine rupture	0
Maternal shock, loss of consciousness	0
Prolapsed umbilical cord	0
Non-reassuring fetal heart tones and/or signs or symptoms of fetal distress	60
Less than 37 weeks gestation in labor	19
Greater than 42 weeks gestation in labor	1
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	11
Other	5
Multiple gestation	0
Total	119

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

Adherent or retained placenta without significant bleeding	0
Repair of laceration beyond level of midwife's expertise	16
Postpartum depression	0
Social, emotional or physical conditions outside of scope of practice	1
Excessive or prolonged bleeding in later postpartum period	0
Signs of infection	0
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	1
Client request	0
Other	1
Total	19

Postpartum Transfer of Care – Client, Urgent/Emergency

Abnormal or unstable vital signs	2
Uterine inversion, rupture or prolapse	0
Uncontrolled hemorrhage	17
Seizures or unconsciousness, shock	1
Adherent or retained placenta with significant bleeding	14
Suspected postpartum psychosis	0
Signs of significant infection	0
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	6
Other	3
Total	43

Transfer of Care – Infant, Elective/Non-Emergency

Low birth weight	2
Congenital anomalies	1
Birth injury	0
Poor transition to extrauterine life	2
Insufficient passage of urine or meconium	0
Parental request	1
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	4
Other	1
Total	11

Transfer of Care – Infant, Urgent/Emergency

Abnormal vital signs or color, poor tone, lethargy, no interest in nursing	13
Signs or symptoms of infection	1
Abnormal cry, seizures or loss of consciousness	0
Significant jaundice at birth or within thirty (30) hours	0
Evidence of clinically significant prematurity	2
Congenital anomalies	1
Birth injury	2
Significant dehydration or depression of fontanelles	0
Significant cardiac or respiratory issues	11
Ten (10) minute APGAR score of six (6) or less	0
Abnormal bulging of fontanelles	0
Clinical judgment of the midwife (where a single other condition above does not apply)	6
Other	1
Total	37

Birth Outcomes After Transfer of Care

Client Outcome	Vaginal Birth	Caesarean Delivery	VBAC	Delivery Method Unknown
Without complication	609	353	24	11
With serious pregnancy/birth related medical complications resolved by six (6) weeks	18	22	3	0
With serious pregnancy/birth related medical complications not resolved by six (6) weeks	1	2	0	1
Death of client	0	0	0	0
Other	8	4	0	1
Information not obtainable	0	0	0	144
Totals	636	381	27	157

Infant Outcome	Vaginal Birth	Caesarean Delivery	VBAC	
Healthy live born infant	628	353	25	
With serious pregnancy/birth related medical complications resolved by four (4) weeks	17	12	1	
With serious pregnancy/birth related medical complications not resolved by four (4) weeks	7	7	0	
Live born infant who subsequently died	3	4	0	
Other	8	1	1	
Information not obtainable	0	2	0	
Totals	663	379	27	

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

County Name	Fetal Demise	Infant Death	Maternal Death
Alameda County	0	1	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	2	0	0
Glenn County	0	0	0
Humboldt County	1	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	3	0	0
Madera County	0	0	0
Marin County	0	0	0
Mariposa County	0	0	0
Mendocino County	0	0	0
Merced County	0	0	0
Modoc County	0	0	0
Mono County	0	0	0
Monterey County	0	0	0
Napa County	1	0	0
Nevada County	0	0	0
Orange County	0	0	0
Placer County	1	0	0
Plumas County	0	0	0
Riverside County	2	0	0
Sacramento County	2	0	0

San Benito County	0	0	0
San Bernardino County	1	0	0
San Diego County	3	1	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	0	0	0
Santa Clara County	2	0	0
Santa Cruz County	1	0	0
Shasta County	0	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	1	0	0
Tuolumne County	0	0	0
Ventura County	0	0	0
Yolo County	0	0	0
Yuba County	0	0	0
Totals	20	2	0

Fetal Demise

Prior to rupture of membranes without labor (20 0/7 weeks to 36 6/7 weeks)	3
Prior to rupture of membranes without labor (37 0/7 weeks to 41 6/7 weeks)	4
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)	3
After rupture of membranes without labor (37 0/7 weeks to 41 6/7 weeks)	2
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)	2
After Onset of Labor (37 0/7 weeks to 41 6/7 weeks)	6
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
Total	20

Infant Death

Early Infant – birth through the end of the seventh (7th) day of extra-uterine life	1
Late Infant – eighth (8th) day of extra-uterine life through the end of day twenty-seven (27) of extra-uterine life	1
Total	2

Maternal Death

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

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

Fetal Complication	Out-of-Hospital	After Transfer
Anomaly incompatible with life	2	0
Infection	0	1
Uterine rupture	0	0
Cord accident	2	2
Other Maternal complication	0	2
Maternal death	0	0
Other	0	3
Information not obtainable	3	5
Totals	7	13

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	1
Uterine rupture	0	0	0
Other medical issue	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Information not obtainable	0	0	1
Totals	0	0	2

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
Totals	0	0	0