



California Licensed Midwife Annual Report Summary

2024 Reporting Year

AS OF JULY 29, 2025

Submission Summary

Midwives Expected to Report	613
Number Reported	370
Number Unreported	243

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	259
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Client Services

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

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
Totals	3763	22	3730	7	22

Out-of-Hospital Birth Outcomes

Planned out-of-hospital births at the onset of labor *	4423
Completed births in an out-of-hospital setting *	3744
Non-VBAC completed singleton breech live born deliveries	34
→ Of the non-VBAC completed singleton breech live born deliveries, total number of precipitous deliveries	13
Sets of twins both delivered out of hospital	6
→ Of the sets of twins both delivered out of hospital, total number of precipitous deliveries	2
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 *	246
Completed VBACs *	185
VBAC completed singleton vertex live born deliveries *	185
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	182
VBAC infants' gestational age 42 weeks or more total	2
VBAC Client History	
VBAC clients who had 0 prior vaginal deliveries	108
VBAC clients who had 1 prior vaginal delivery	58
VBAC clients who had 2 prior vaginal deliveries	29
VBAC clients who had 3 prior vaginal deliveries	9
VBAC clients who had 4 prior vaginal deliveries	7
VBAC clients who had 5 or more prior vaginal deliveries	8
VBAC clients who had 1 prior caesarean delivery	196
VBAC clients who had 2 prior caesarean deliveries	23
VBAC clients who had 3 prior caesarean deliveries	0
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	108
VBAC clients who had 1 prior VBAC delivery	59

VBAC clients who had 2 prior VBAC deliveries	27
VBAC clients who had 3 prior VBAC deliveries	16
VBAC clients who had 4 prior VBAC deliveries	4
VBAC clients who had 5 or more prior VBAC deliveries	5

** Clients delivering multiples is counted as one VBAC*

Antepartum Transfer of Care, Elective/Non-Emergency

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

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
Total	120

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
Total	574

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
Total	110

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
Total	15

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
Total	39

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
Total	21

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
Total	49

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
Totals	659	394	33	41
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	
Totals	698	393	34	

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
Totals	23	2	0

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
Total	23

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
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	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	
Totals	13	10	
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
Totals	0	2	0
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