

MIDWIFE



WHAT THEY DO

Midwives are primary health-care providers who specialize in pregnancy, birth, and the postpartum period. The midwifery scope of practice includes providing primary care to low-risk clients and their newborns through pregnancy, birth, and up to six-weeks postpartum. Registered midwives have complete access to laboratories and diagnostic services and consult or refer clients to other specialists when needed.

HOW THEY WORK

Midwives can assist births at home, in a birth centre, or in the hospital. According to the Alberta Association of Midwives, registered midwives in Alberta offer birthing assistance to approximately 5.5% of the babies born in the province. Midwives in Canada assist in the birth of 10.8% of the country's babies with British Columbia and Ontario leading the country with 22.4% and 18% midwifery-assisted births, respectively.

TRAINING

To become a Midwife, you must complete a Bachelor of Midwifery degree. Mount Royal University has the only Alberta-based Midwife training program. Midwives are regulated by the College of Midwives of Alberta.

Midwives in Alberta 2019 (CIHI 2019 data)	
SUPPLY	138
% CHANGE SINCE 2018	+8.7%
RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION	3.2
PROPORTION OF:	
FEMALES	100%
MALES	0%

VIDEO:

<https://youtu.be/0cs4kZjm1PU>

RESOURCES

REGULATORY BODY:

College of Midwives of Alberta <https://www.albertamidwives.org/>

ALBERTA ALIS PROFILE:

<https://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo/occupations-in-alberta/occupation-profiles/midwife/>