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Manitoba Midwives

the state of midwifery in Manitoba

The benefits of midwifery

38% ↓
lower c-section rate

57% ↓
lower rate of episiotomy

2.5x
more likely to be discharged from hospital within 48 hours or less

62% ↓
lower rate of instrument assisted births

27% ↑
higher rate of breastfeeding after 6 weeks

*Ontario data, where regulated midwifery has a longer history than Manitoba, The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care have reported significant positive outcomes for low-risk women receiving delivery care from midwives as compared to those receiving delivery care from Family Physicians.

A growing demand for midwifery

The demand for midwifery services continues to grow in Manitoba. In 2001/2002 only 2.5% of women were receiving delivery care from a Midwife - growing to 4.7% by 2008/2009



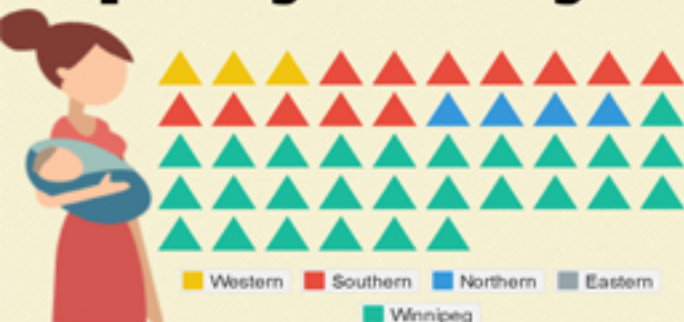
Increasing demand for midwives isn't surprising, given that researchers have found very high levels of satisfaction from users of midwifery services.



75% of Winnipeggers in 2012 who wanted a midwife were turned away

49% of rural midwife positions are unfilled

Improving midwifery in Manitoba



The actual number of midwives per region is very uneven. Some areas have no access to local midwives

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We're calling on the Government of Manitoba to:

Improved education & training opportunities for midwives

Increase the number of midwives in Manitoba, especially in northern and rural areas to meet the growing demand

Equal pay for equal work. Making sure midwives are treated fairly.

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