

OUT-OF-HOSPITAL BIRTHS



DATA FROM: NATIONAL CENTER FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY



After a gradual decline from 1990–2004, the number of out-of-hospital births increased from 35,578 in 2004 to 62,228 in 2017. In 2017, 1 of every 62 births in the US was an out-of-hospital birth and birth center births more than doubled



PLANNED HOME/BIRTH CENTER BIRTHS

- PRETERM BIRTHS-3.6%
- LOW BIRTHWEIGHT- 2.2%
- MULTIPLE BIRTHS- 0.9%
- VAGINAL BIRTHS AFTER VBAC-5.9%

HOSPITAL BIRTHS

- PRETERM BIRTHS- 11.8%
- LOW BIRTHWEIGHT- 8.4%
- MULTIPLE BIRTHS-3.5%
- VAGINAL BIRTHS AFTER VBAC- 2.0% (WHICH MAY REFLECT RESTRICTIONS ON VBAC AMONG U.S. HOSPITALS)



PHYSICIANS

2.7% non-hospital births were performed by physicians



MIDWIVES

56.6% of births were delivered by CNM/CM midwives



OTHER

For birth center births, 36.7% by non CNM/CM midwives



In 2013...

- The intrapartum fetal mortality rate for women admitted to the birth center in labor was 0.47/1000
- The neonatal mortality rate was 0.40/1000 excluding anomalies
- There were no maternal deaths
- Less than 2% of birth center transfers were emergent



IN 2017, 55.8% OF WOMEN WITH PLANNED HOME BIRTHS AND 69.4% OF THOSE WITH BIRTH CENTER BIRTHS INITIATED PRENATAL CARE DURING THE FIRST TRIMESTER, COMPARED TO 77.6% OF HOSPITAL BIRTHS.

