

Midwives Working



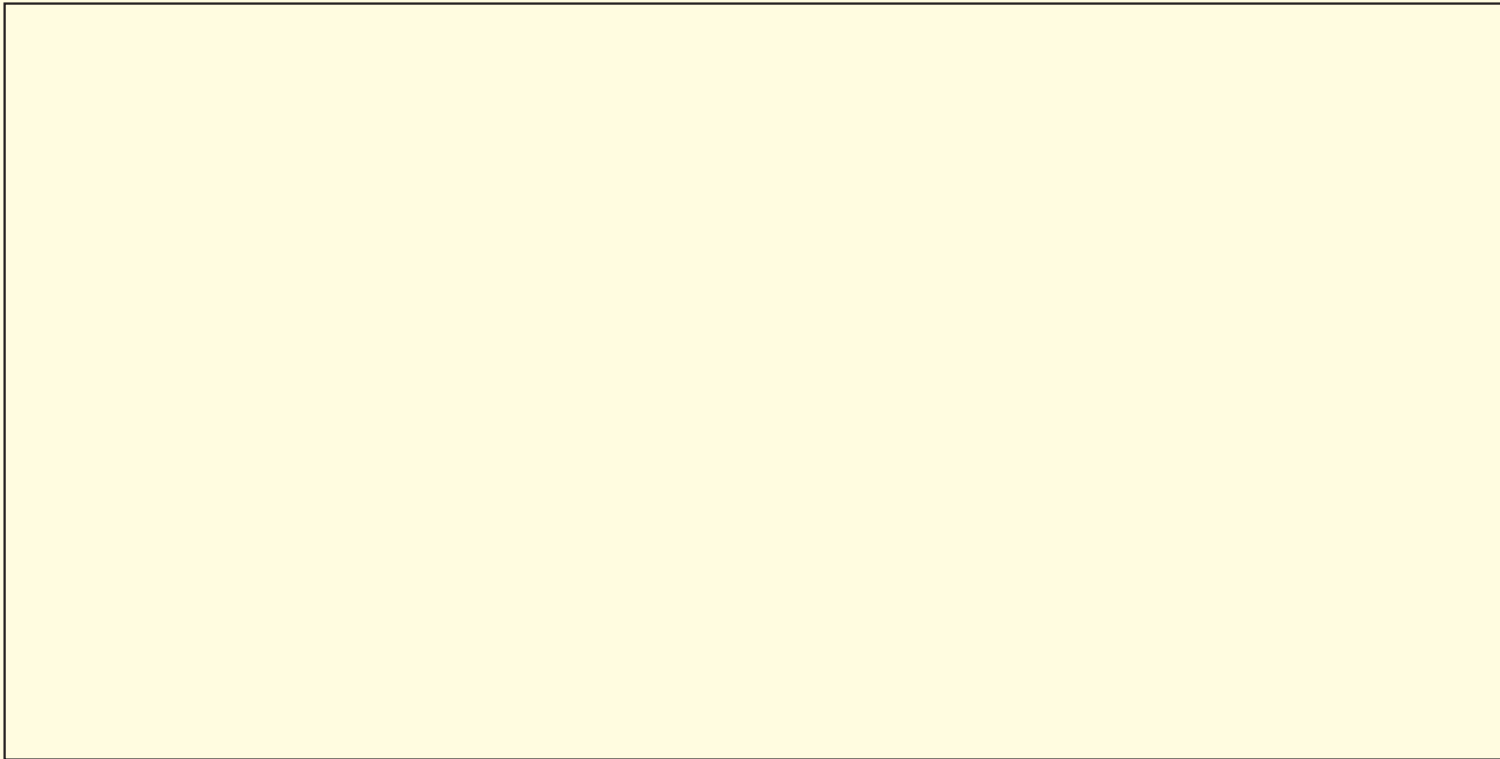
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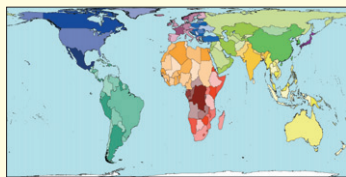


Midwives assist births. India is the territory with the most midwives working there, estimated to be almost half a million. The Philippines has the second highest number of midwives living and working there. Many territories in South and North America have a small number of midwives.

The number of midwives per person is highest in two sets of islands: Ireland and the Seychelles. It is lowest in Togo and Burundi.

Some territories have few midwives because they have not (and sometimes cannot) adopted this custom, others prefer births to be attended by doctors. The value of midwives has only recently been realised in North America.

Territory size shows the proportion of all midwives that work in that territory.



Land area

Technical notes

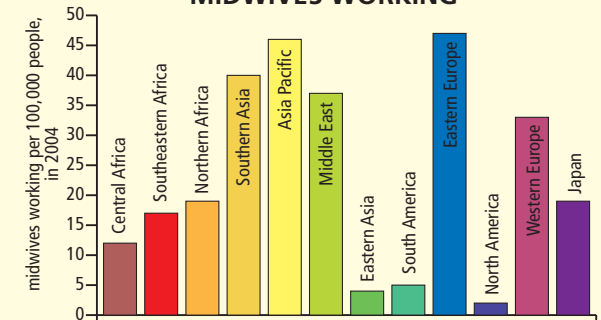
- Data are mainly from the World Health Organisation's 2006 World Health Report.
- See website for further information.

MOST AND FEWEST MIDWIVES WORKING

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Ireland	427	191	Yemen	1.2
2	Seychelles	395	192	Bolivia	1.1
3	Swaziland	207	193	Ethiopia	0.9
4	Maldives	185	194	Guinea	0.7
5	Philippines	179	195	Rwanda	0.6
6	Brunei Darussalam	121	196	Costa Rica	0.6
7	Azerbaijan	117	197	Oman	0.5
8	Namibia	117	198	Cameroon	0.5
9	Niue	95	199	Burundi	0.2
10	Tuvalu	91	200	Togo	0.1

midwives working per 100 000 people, in 2004 or most recent

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“The lives and health of many millions more would be saved with greater investments in midwives.”

Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, 2006