

# ACNM 2014 Benchmarking Project

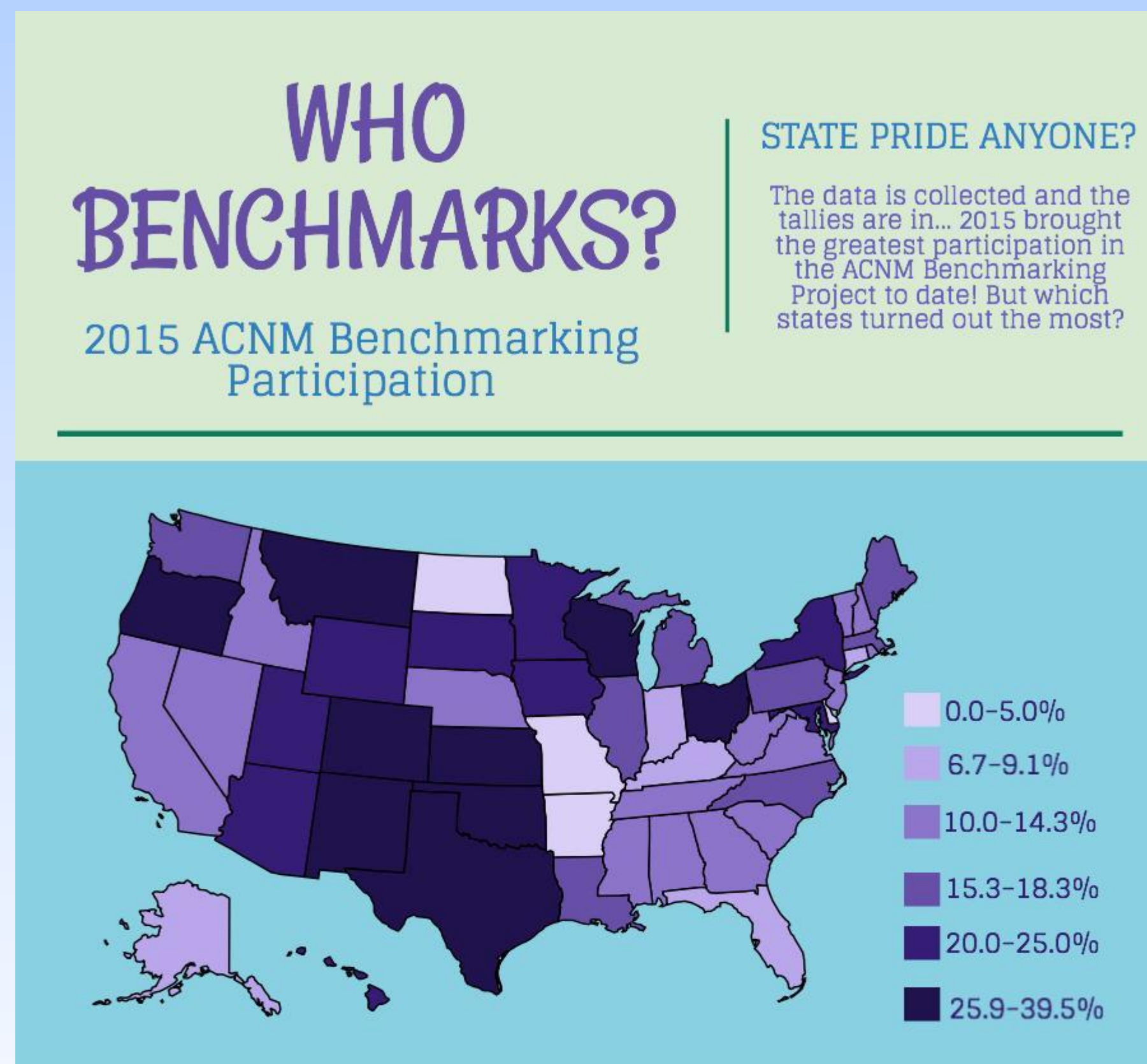
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## Background

The purpose of the ACNM Benchmarking Project is professional preservation. Benchmarking is not research. Rather, benchmarking is intended to provide an annual snapshot comparison of midwifery practices to guide quality improvement and quality assurance specifically related to the hallmarks of midwifery.

## Program Participation



56 Practices entered data for the first time.

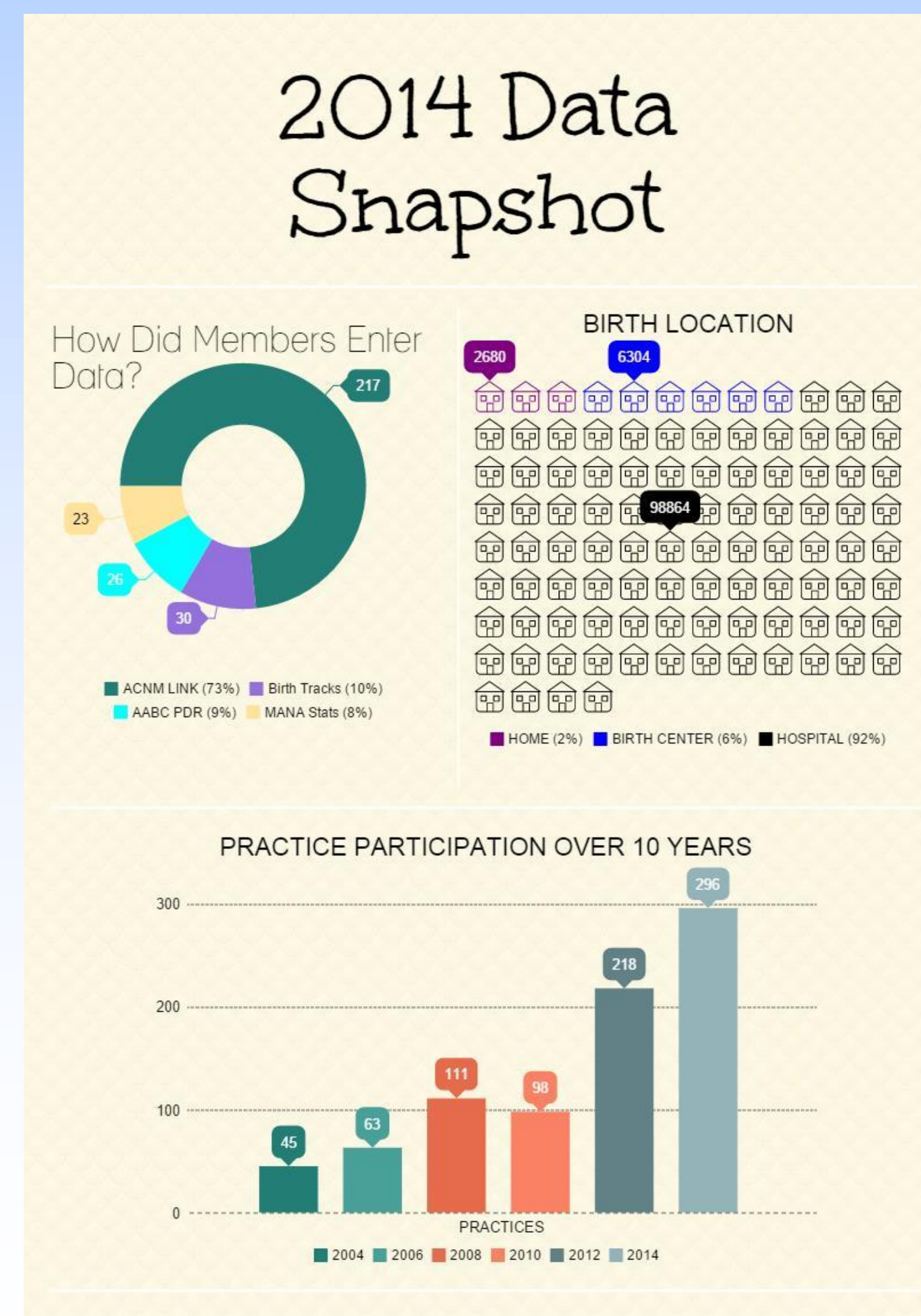
AND 1,272 Midwives were represented in 2015

### What's Next?

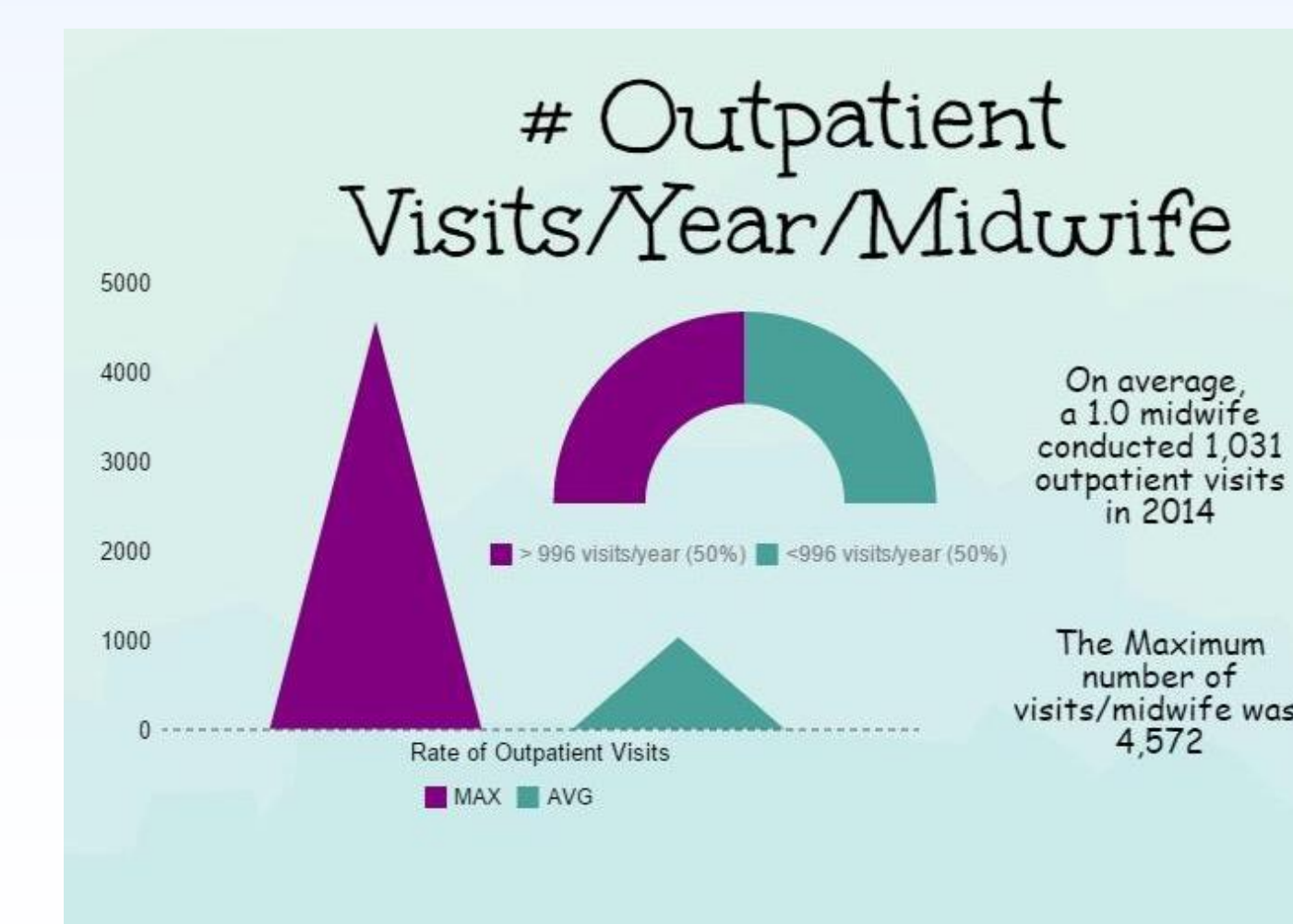
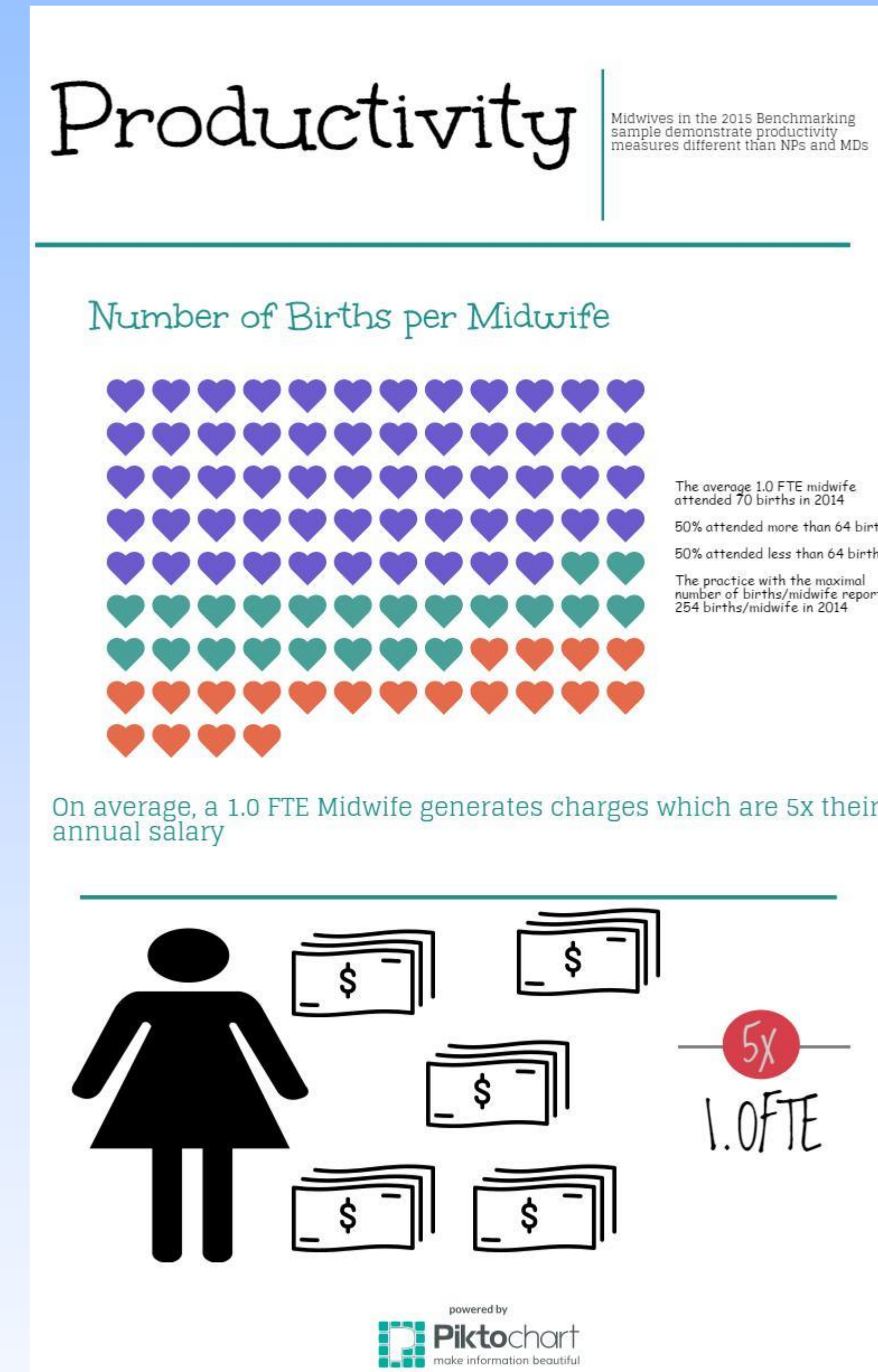
- Improve Practice:** Focused quality improvement without reinventing the wheel!
- Policy Change:** Legislation supported by numbers!
- Benchmark in 2016!** Missed out this year? Visit [www.midwife.org](http://www.midwife.org) and start now!

## Benefits of Participation

- Receive custom reports comparing practice performance on 53 variables
- Recognition as “best practice” if the practice ranks within the top 3 of the category
- Recognition as a “4 Core” achiever if the practice meets national benchmarks for cesarean, induction of labor, episiotomy and exclusive breastfeeding.
- Assist ACNM to represent the profession on a variety of quality and policy fronts
- Eligible for inclusion in grants, programs and initiatives convened by the ACNM
- Have data readily available to discuss with consultants, hospital administrators, third party payers and legislators.
- Have data to drive performance improvement projects



## Productivity Benchmarks



## 2014 Selected Outcomes

OUTCOME	ALL Practices N=296	PRACTICE VOLUME			
		<50 births/year (n=35)	51-199 births/year (n=62)	200-499 births/year (n=94)	500+ births/year (n=80)
Spontaneous Vaginal Birth	83.5%	93.7%	85.2%	83.2%	78.1%
Successful Vaginal Birth after Cesarean	78.0%	90.4%	83.0%	77.0%	73.0%
Total Induction of Labor	16.3%	3.4%	12.8%	20.5%	21.1%
Episiotomy	5.7%	2.3%	2.2%	3.0%	3.1%
Exclusive Breastfeeding on Discharge	83.3%	96.7%	84.0%	82.2%	76.8%

## Conclusions

