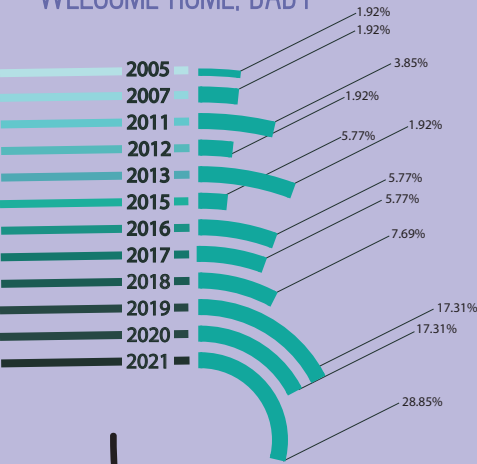


# HOME BIRTHS + MIDWIFERY

Data collected from Home Births + Midwives Survey, 2021. While home births remain to have a relatively low percentage of occurrence, this data indicates a gradual increase. The majority of the women interviewed hail from the United States, which may suggest that home births are part of a larger "free-birth" movement rather than done out of necessity.

## WELCOME HOME, BABY



Data collected from Home Births + Midwives Survey, 2021. Percentage of women within the last two decades who have given birth at home.

## MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR THEMSELVES : WHY WOMEN GIVE BIRTH AT HOME

1. Felt like they struggled to advocate for themselves in current medical system

2. Disdain for impersonal doctors and high-pressure, cold hospital environment

3. Wanted to give birth in the comfort of their own homes, with trusted individuals

1. Preference for holistic approaches to health

2. Autonomy in birth, wanted to feel like they had a sense of control

3. Traditional and social norms

How can we explain a major increase in the percentage of home births from 2019 to 2021? Studies show that the use of midwives and mother's giving birth at home increases in times of public health crisis. !

92.9%

Of women interviewed said they would give birth at home again.

71.4%

Of women interviewed said they would recommend giving birth at home\*.

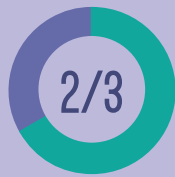
1 IN 4

Home-births in the U.S are unplanned.



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Want to go drug-free and have minimal intervention.

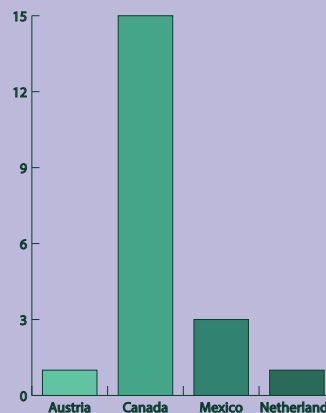


## ASTROLOGY

60%

Of those interviewed said that they did not believe in astrology as a science.

Survey Respondents Currently Residing In



45%

Of those interviewed said they checked their horoscopes a few times a month.

21.4%

Of those interviewed claimed that astrology played some sort of role in their cultures.

\*The remaining 28.6% of women said they would recommend home births so as long as the mother and child could do so safely.

Data collected from Birthday's + Astrology Survey, 2021.

Hospitals not available for lower income families. midwife use common, but still costly.

Feminist movement sparked interest in midwives and home births, women wanted control over their bodies and over their birthing experiences

Midwives common in rural areas, trade slowing down.

Seeing home-birth or birthing centers rise in Popularity. Childbirth concerned about mother and baby health.

