



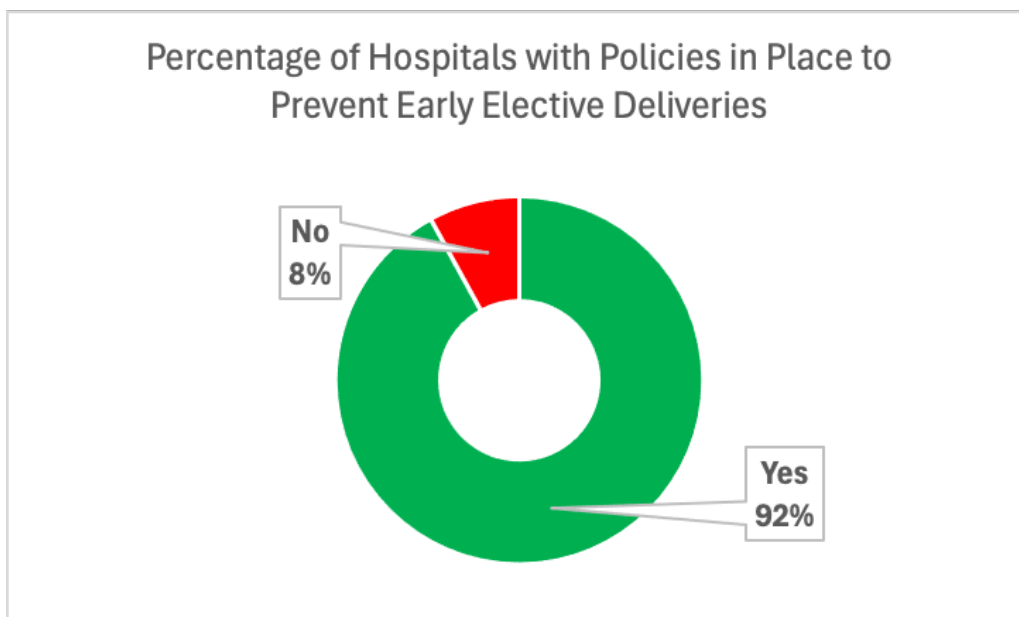
## Florida's Maternity Care Performance: Leapfrog Report Insights

The information provided below reflects Florida's specific data for maternity care, directly tied to the **State of Maternity Care in U.S. Hospitals – The Leapfrog Group 2025 Report on Trends**. Click [HERE](#) to read the full report.



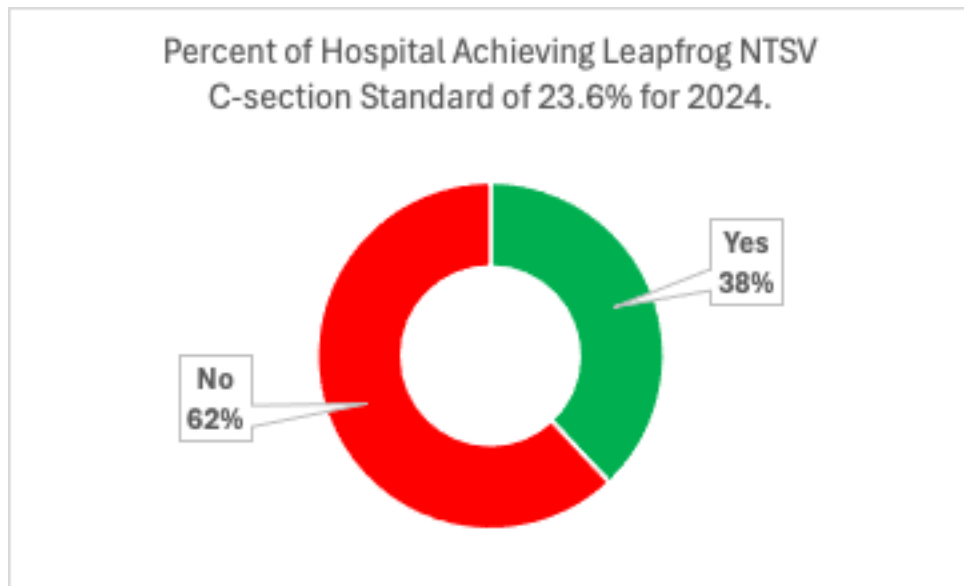
In 2024, Florida's average Nulliparous Term Singleton Vertex (NTSV) C-section rate is 27.2%, exceeding the Leapfrog standard of 23.6%. NTSV refers to a specific type of pregnancy and delivery scenario (i.e. a first-time mother (nulliparous) carrying a single baby (singleton) at term (37 or more weeks) in a head-down (vertex) position). This data corresponds with the **Hospitals' Average Rate of NTSV C- sections by Survey Year** (Fig. 1) in the report.

This data corresponds to the **Percent of Hospitals Achieving Leapfrog's NTSV C-section Standard (23.6%) by Survey Year** (Fig. 2) in the report.



In 2024, Florida's average episiotomy rate stands at 4.1%, falling below the Leapfrog standard of 5%. This data is related to **Hospitals' Average Rate of Episiotomy by Survey Year** (Fig. 04) in the report.

This data corresponds to the **Percentage of Hospitals Implementing Policies to Prevent Early Elective Deliveries** (Fig. 05) in the report.



Florida ranks highly among several key areas of maternity care. **98%** of hospitals offer breastfeeding/lactation consultants, and **93%** allow doulas for labor and delivery. Additionally, **86%** of hospitals support vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC), while **84%** offer postpartum tubal ligation. **77%** of hospitals have certified midwives delivering newborns. This data corresponds with the **Percentage of Hospitals Offering Evidence-Based Maternity Services Patients Ask For** (Fig. 06) in the report.

