

BIRTH SETTINGS IN THE UNITED STATES

Where do people give birth?

98.4% GIVE BIRTH IN HOSPITALS

1.6%

99% HOME
.52% BIRTH CENTERS
.09% OTHER



HOSPITALS. Hospitals vary in the resources, services, and providers available, but among birth settings, they provide the widest array of specialty care and medical interventions for pregnant people and newborns.

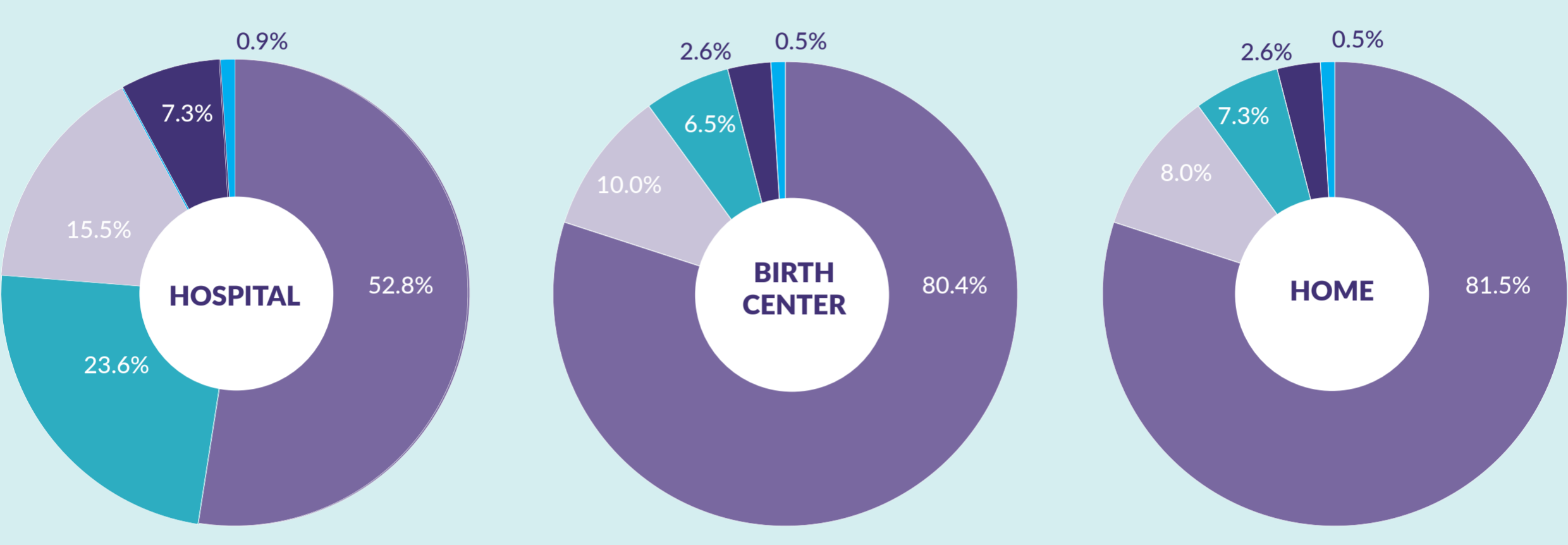
BIRTH CENTERS. Birth centers are freestanding health facilities not attached to or inside a hospital and typically offer fewer medical interventions, a home-like atmosphere, and individually tailored care. Transfer to a hospital is available when needed.

HOMES. Home births occur at a person's residence and can be either planned or unplanned. If the pregnant person or the newborn develops complications during birth, hospital transport is initiated.

Who gives birth where?

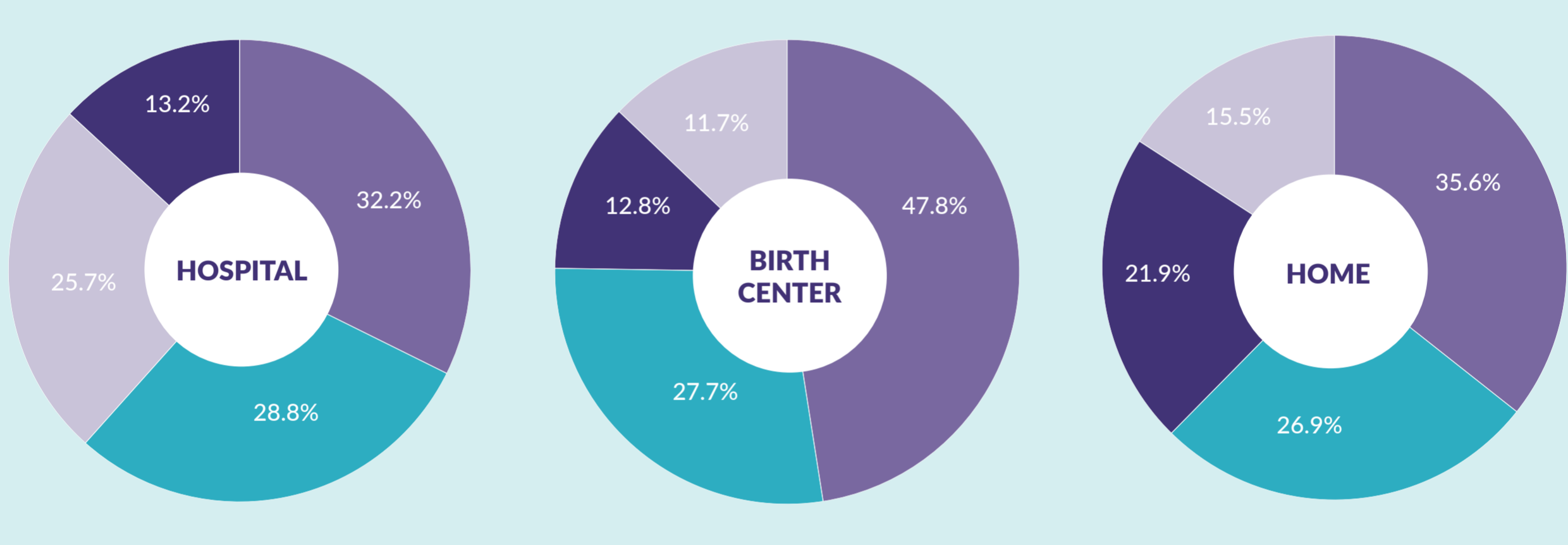
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Non-Hispanic White Non-Hispanic Black Hispanic Asian or Pacific Islander American Indian or Alaskan Native



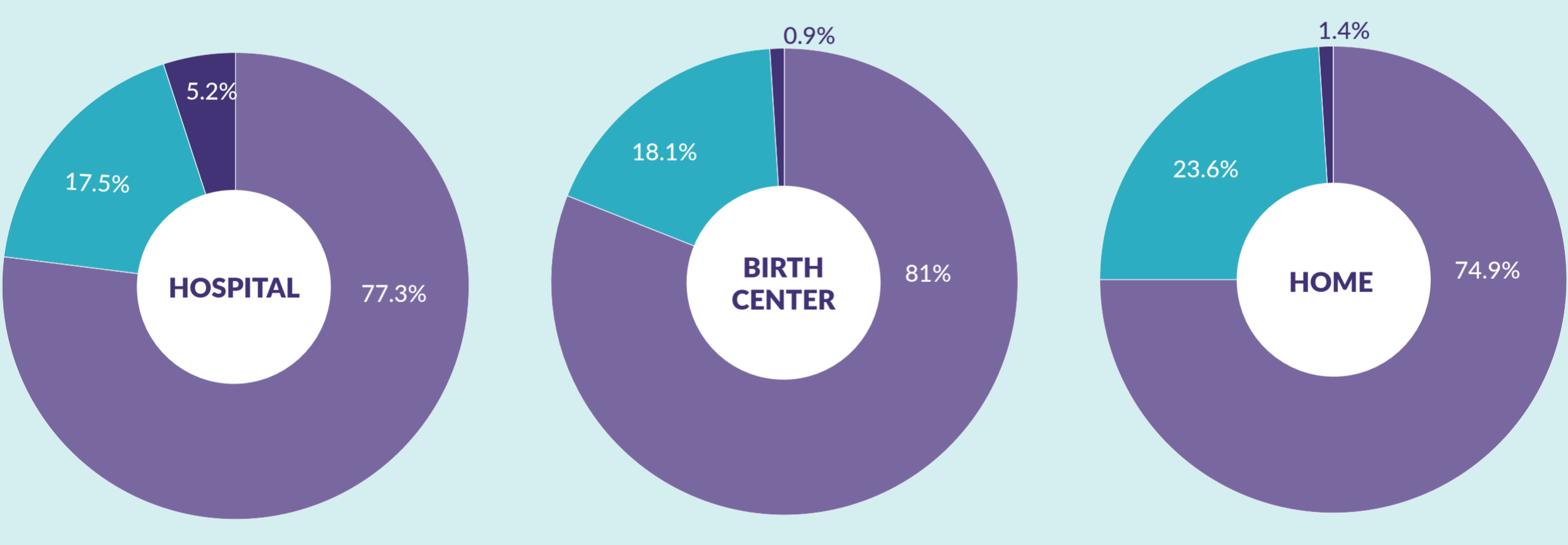
BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Bachelor's degree or higher Some college High school graduate Less than high school



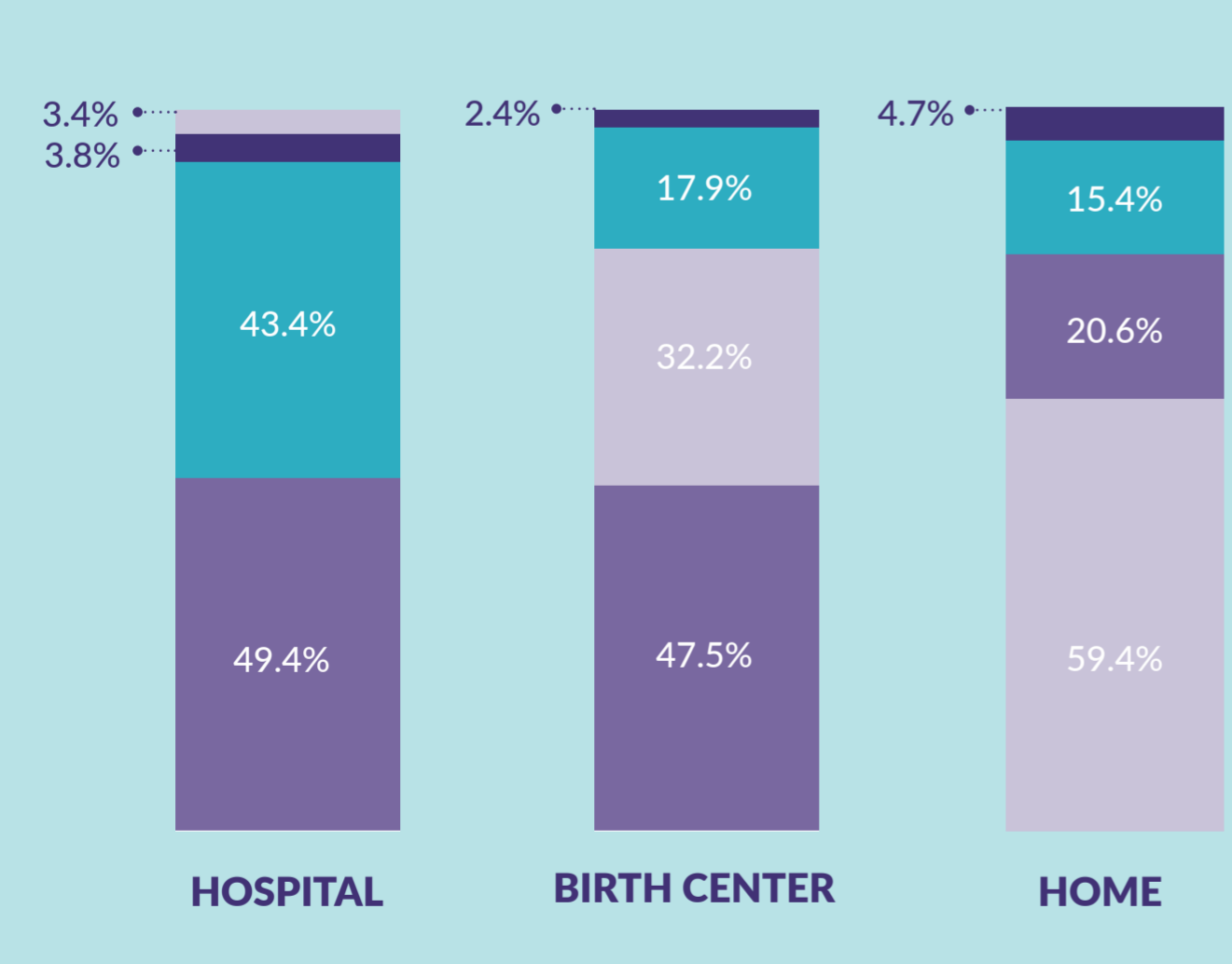
BY AGE

<20 years 20-34 years 35+ years



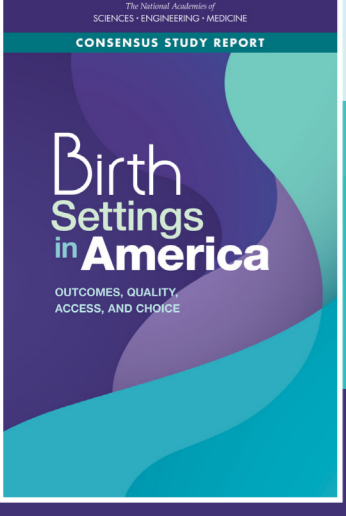
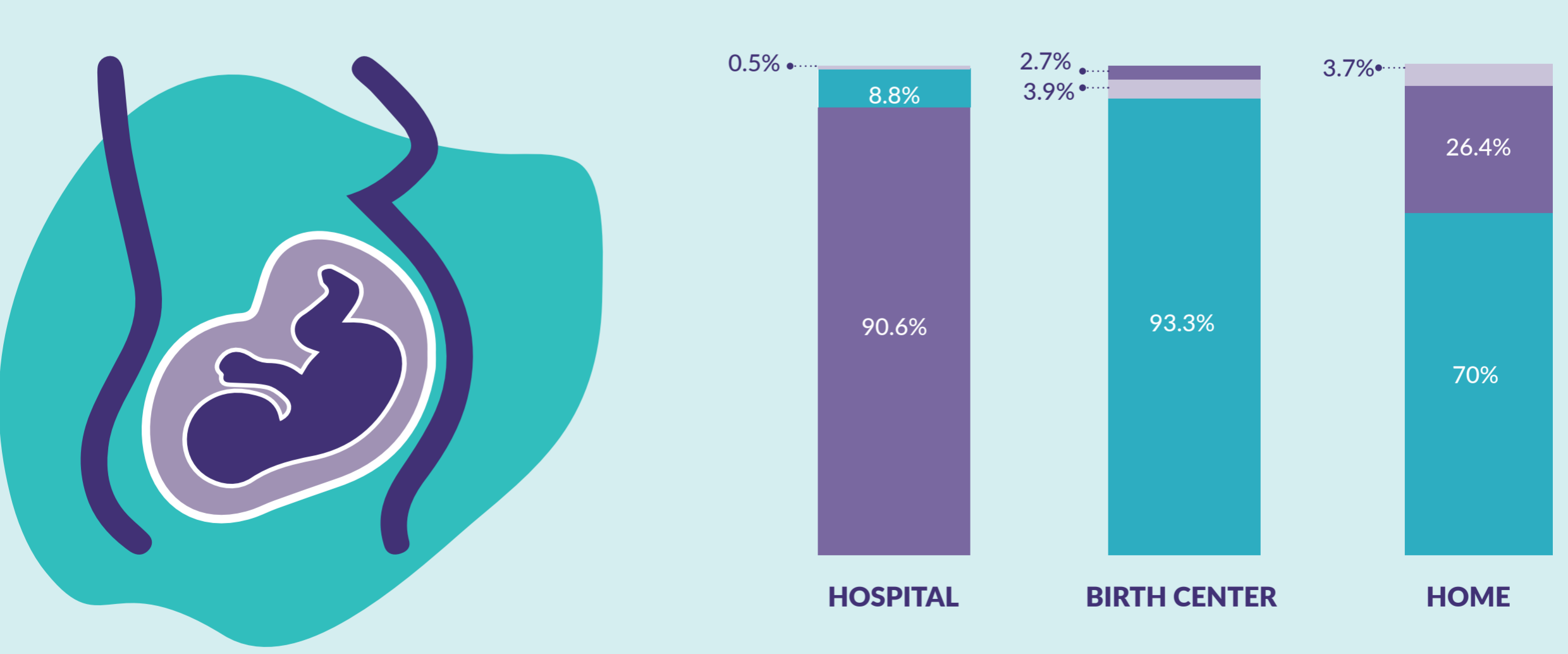
How are births in each setting financed?

Private Insurance Medicaid Self-pay Other



Who attends births in each setting?

Physician Midwife Other



More can be done to improve the quality and safety of birth services in all settings. To learn more, visit nationalacademies.org/birthsettings.