

## Breastfeeding

Percentage (%) of recent mothers in Illinois who reported the following reasons for not breastfeeding

Among women who did not initiate breastfeeding, even for a short period of time

Survey Question 52: What were your reasons for not breastfeeding your new baby? Response: Yes

	Percentage <sup>1</sup>	95% CI <sup>2</sup>		Respondents <sup>3</sup>	Estimated Population Affected <sup>4</sup>
I didn't like breastfeeding	35.6	27.1	45.2	140	5,836
I didn't want to	29.6	21.8	38.7	140	4,843
I had other children to take care of	20.1	13.6	28.6	140	3,287
I went back to work	19.8	13.3	28.3	140	3,241
I was sick or on medicine	12.6	7.6	20.2	140	2,067
I had too many household duties	9.4	5.1	16.9	140	1,543
I tried but it was too hard	5.6	2.5	12.2	140	922
I went back to school	4.4	1.7	10.7	140	714

<sup>1</sup>Percentage = Weighted percentage

<sup>2</sup>CI = Confidence interval lower/upper bounds -- Indicates denominator <30 respondents

<sup>3</sup>Respondents = The total number who responded to the survey question

<sup>4</sup>Estimated Population Affected = Estimated number of Illinois mothers/infants with characteristic or condition