

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 ¹ | 95% CI ² | | Respondents ³ | Estimated Population Affected ⁴ |
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| I didn't want to | 30.6 | 21.9 | 40.9 | 115 | 3,710 |
| I didn't like breastfeeding | 34.3 | 25.3 | 44.7 | 115 | 4,163 |
| I had other children to take care of | 21.8 | 14.6 | 31.4 | 115 | 2,648 |
| I went back to work | 19.6 | 12.5 | 29.3 | 115 | 2,377 |
| I tried but it was too hard | 17.4 | 10.9 | 26.7 | 115 | 2,111 |
| I had too many household duties | 16.6 | 10.3 | 25.8 | 115 | 2,014 |
| I was sick or on medicine | 8.9 | 4.4 | 17.1 | 115 | 1,075 |
| I went back to school | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

¹Percentage = Weighted percentage

²CI = Confidence interval lower/upper bounds -- Indicates denominator <30 respondents or numerator <6 respondents

³Respondents = The total number who responded to the survey question

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