Breastfeeding

Percentage (%) of new mothers who reported the following reasons for not continuing breastfeeding

Survey Question 57: What were your reasons for stopping breastfeeding?

	Percentage ¹	95% CI ²	Respondents ³	Estimated Population Affected4
I thought I was not producing enough milk or my milk dried up.	45.3	40.6 - 50.0	247	24,628
Breast milk alone did not satisfy my baby	31.6	27.3 - 36.2	153	17,182
My baby had difficulty latching or nursing.	29.3	25.1 - 33.8	148	15,918
I went back to work or school.	19.6	16.1 - 23.6	94	10,654
It was too hard, painful, or too time consuming.	17.1	13.8 - 21.0	87	9,312
My nipples were sore, cracked, or bleeding.	11.1	8.4 - 14.5	55	6,037
I thought my baby was not gaining enough weight.	6.2	4.2 - 8.9	28	3,356
I had too many other household duties.	8.2	6.0 - 11.1	42	4,461
I got sick or I had to stop for medical reasons.	6.3	4.3 - 9.0	33	3,409
I felt it was the right time to stop breastfeeding.	3.5	2.1 - 5.8	18	1,921
My baby was jaundiced (yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes).	3.3	2.0 - 5.4	16	1,782

^{*}Percentage = Weighted percentage of Illinois mothers giving birth to live infants in 2014 who responded Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator

²**CI** = confidence interval

^{**}indicates <30 respondents

³Respondents (N) = Total number of mothers who responded Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator

⁴Estimated population affected = Estimated number of Illinois mothers giving birth in 2014 who would respond Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator