

**Pennsylvania Department of Health
Bureau of Family Health
Breastfeeding Awareness and Support Program**

**Data Source:
Pennsylvania Birth Certificate**

Birth certificate information is collected for both in-hospital and out-of-hospital Pennsylvania births. Each birth certificate is submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Health Statistics and Research where it is analyzed. The question: *Is newborn being breastfed?* was added to the birth certificate in 2003.

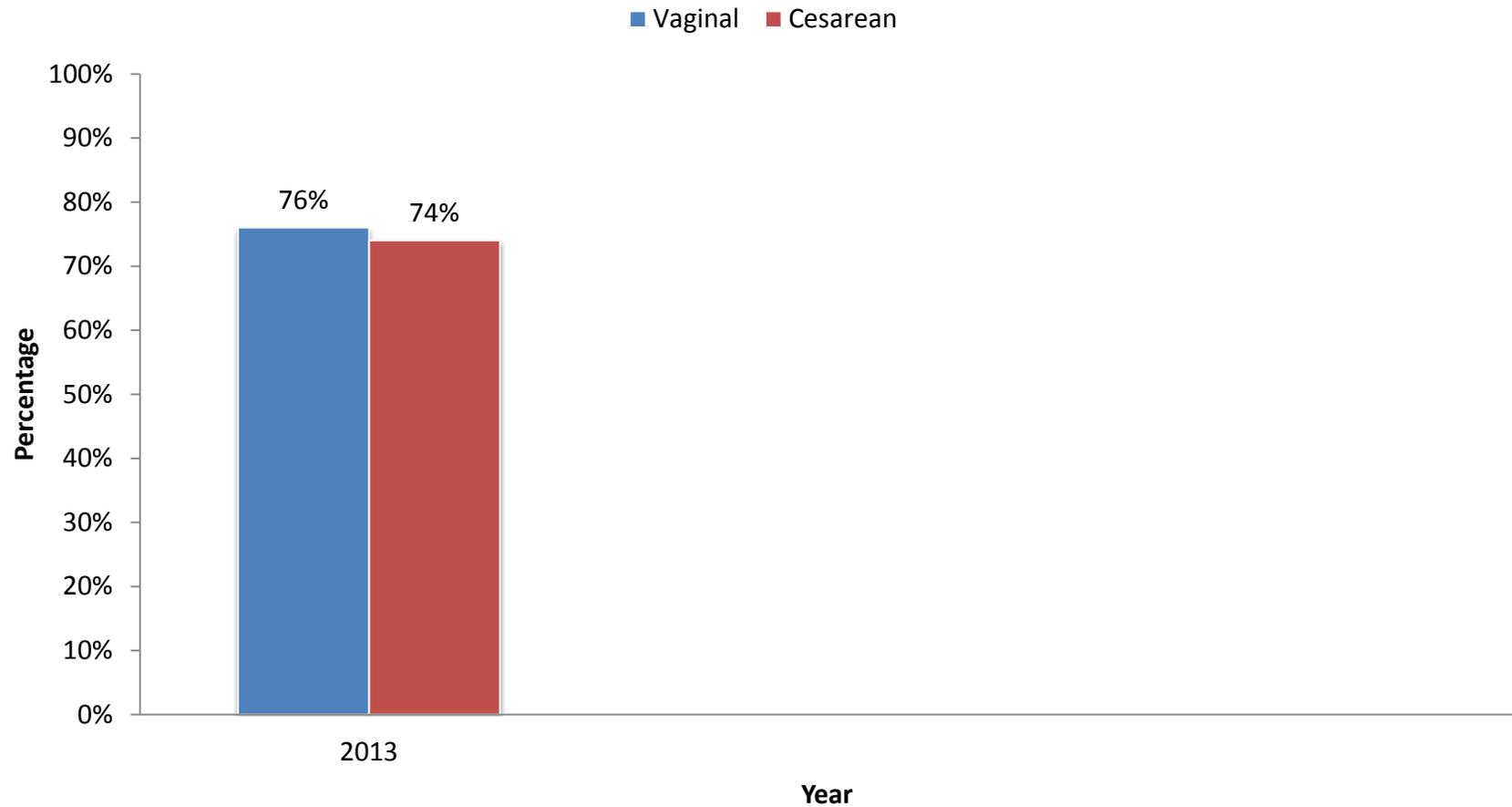
Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Initiation Rate by Method of Delivery, 2013

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Vaginal	76%
Cesarean	74%

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Health Statistics and Research, Certificate of Live Birth. Provided by: Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Awareness and Support Program. November 2015. Starting in 2013, calculating method changed to exclude infants not living at time of birth certificate reporting. The Department specifically disclaims responsibility for any analyses, interpretations, or conclusions.

Pennsylvania has adopted the Healthy People 2020 breastfeeding initiation goal that 81.9% of women ever breastfed.

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