

**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.

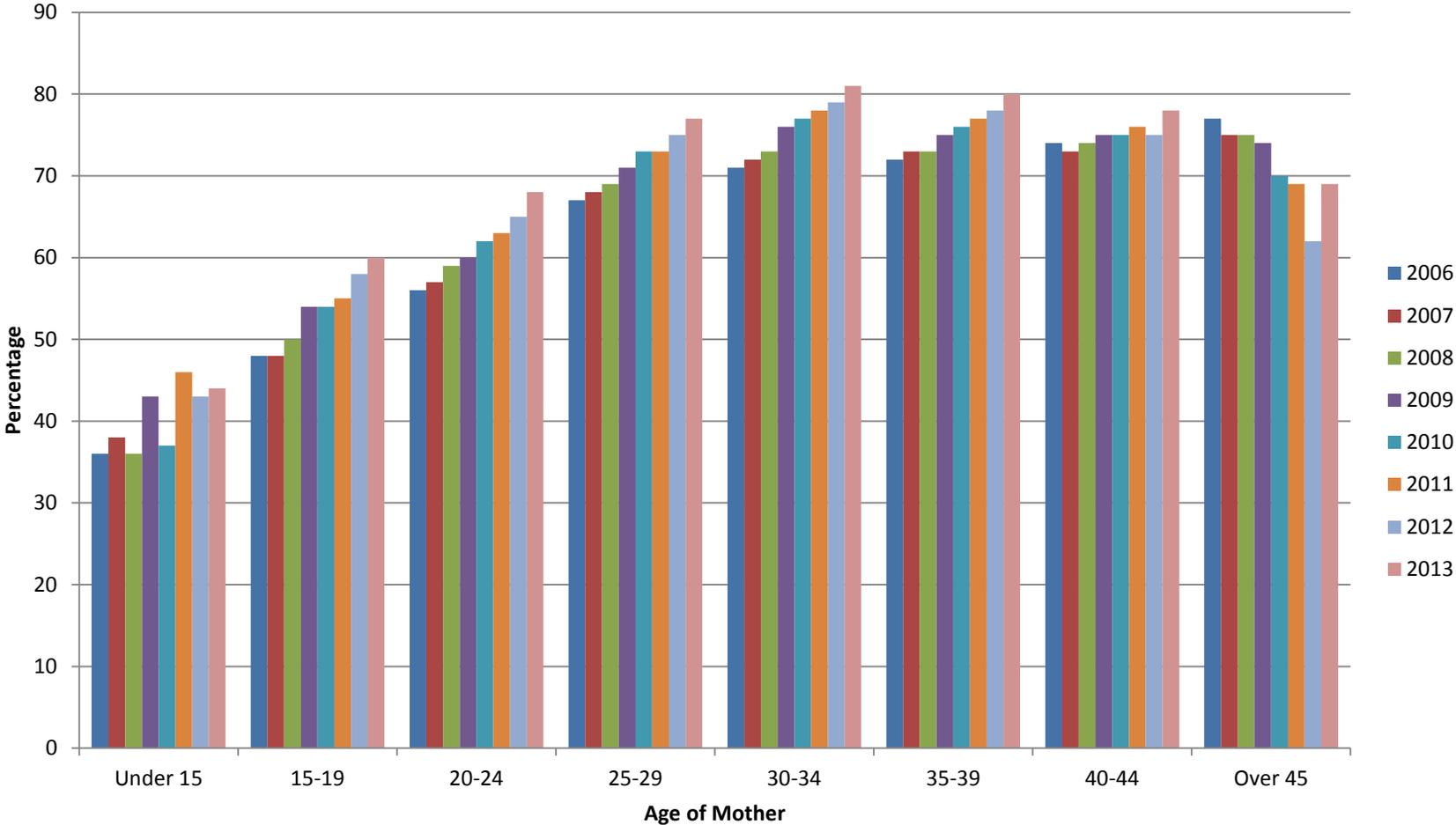
**Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Initiation Rate by Age of
Mother, 2006-2013**

Age of Mother	Percent Breastfeeding Initiation by Year							
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Under 15	36%	38%	36%	43%	37%	46%	43%	44%
15-19	48%	48%	50%	54%	54%	55%	58%	60%
20-24	56%	57%	59%	60%	62%	63%	65%	68%
25-29	67%	68%	69%	71%	73%	73%	75%	77%
30-34	71%	72%	73%	76%	77%	78%	79%	81%
35-39	72%	73%	73%	75%	76%	77%	78%	80%
40-44	74%	73%	74%	75%	75%	76%	75%	78%
45 & Over	77%	75%	75%	74%	70%	69%	62%	69%
All Ages	65%	65%	67%	68%	70%	71%	73%	76%

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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