



**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.

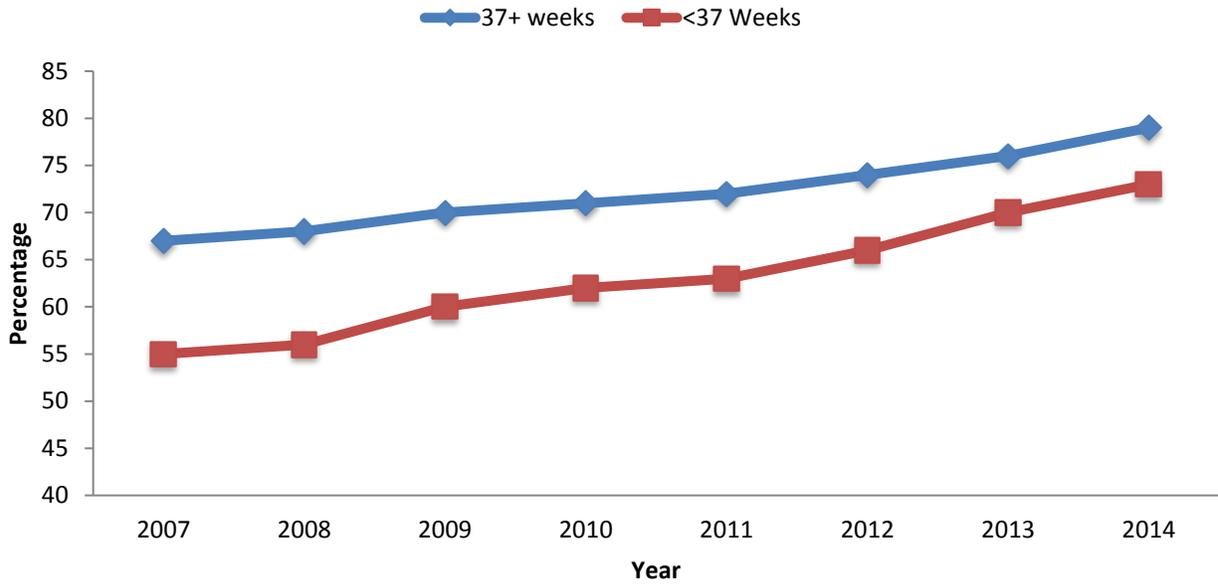
Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Initiation Rate by Gestation and Birth Weight, 2007-2014

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Gestation								
37+ Weeks	67%	68%	70%	71%	72%	74%	76%	79%
<37 Weeks	55%	56%	60%	62%	63%	66%	70%	73%
Birth Weight								
0-1499 Grams	44%	44%	49%	53%	52%	54%	74%	73%
1500-2499 Grams	54%	55%	59%	60%	62%	64%	68%	70%
2500+ Grams	67%	68%	70%	71%	72%	74%	76%	79%

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Health Statistics and Research, Certificate of Live Birth. Provided by: Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Awareness and Support Program. September 2016. 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.

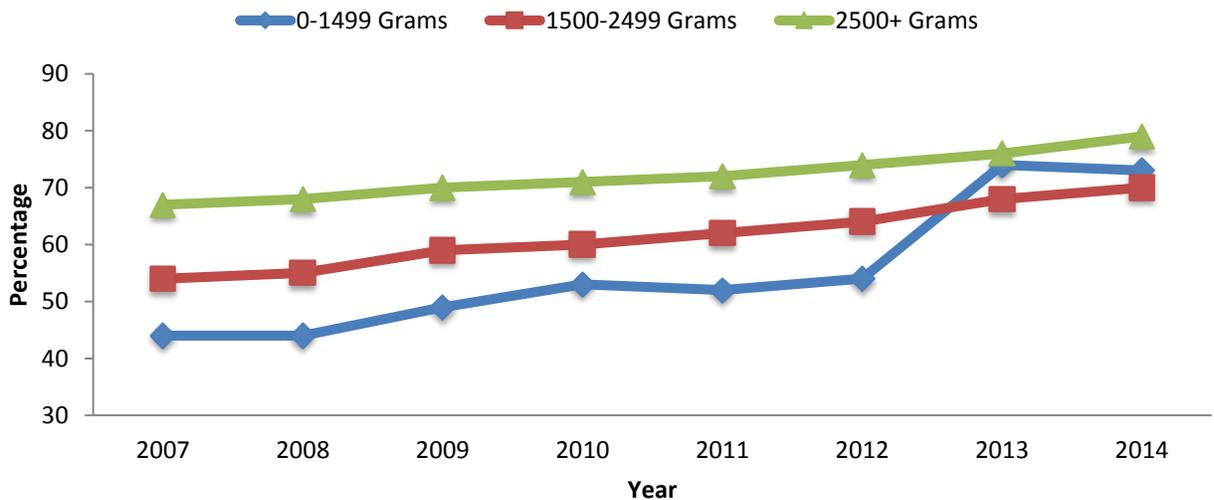
Pennsylvania has adopted the Healthy People 2020 breastfeeding initiation goal that 81.9% of women ever breastfed.

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