

**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.

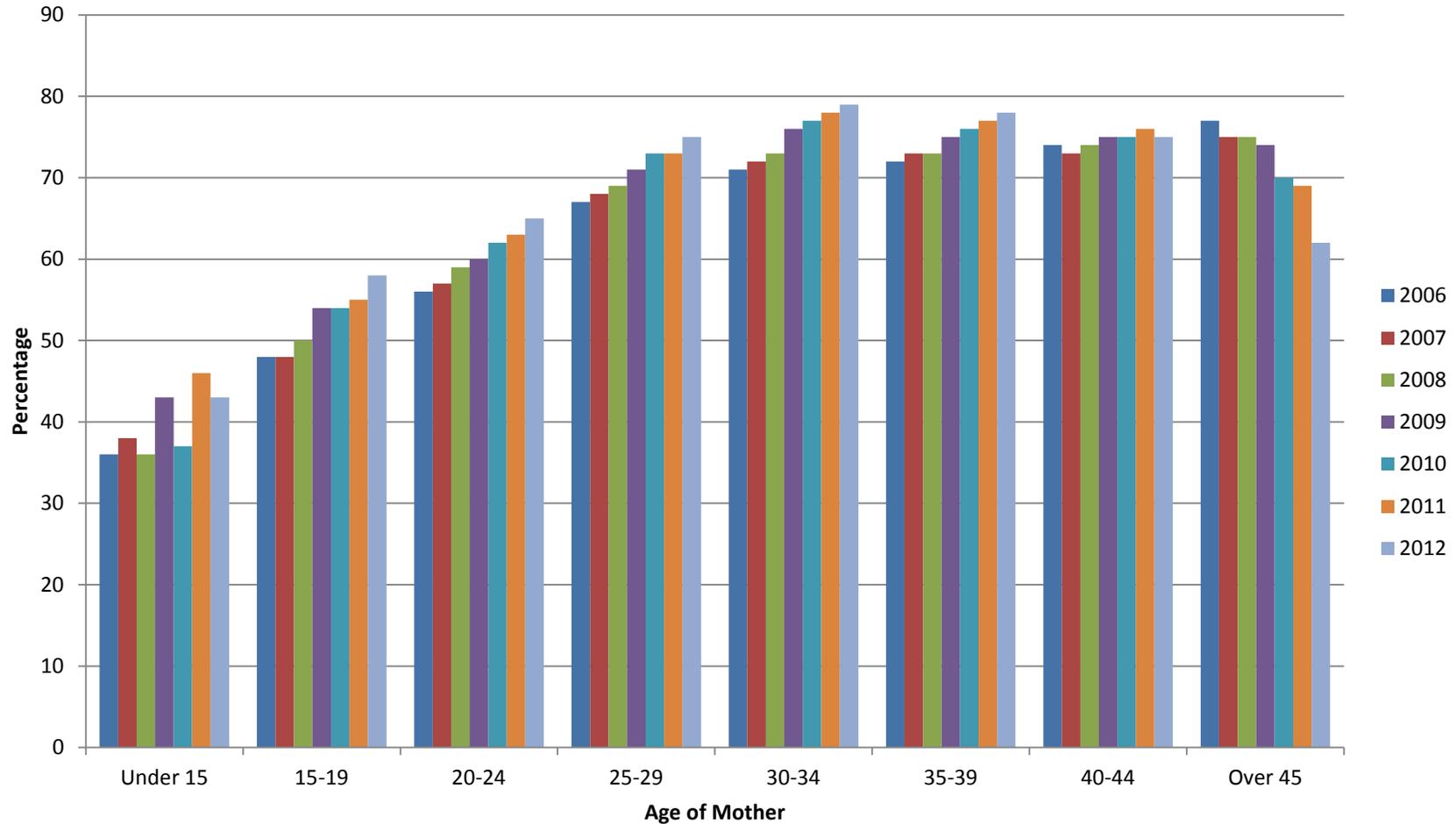
**Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Initiation Rate by Age of  
Mother, 2006-2012**

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

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Health Statistics and Research, Certificate of Live Birth. Provided by: Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Awareness and Support Program, August 2014. These data were provided by the Bureau of Health Statistics & Research, Pennsylvania Department of Health. 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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