

**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.

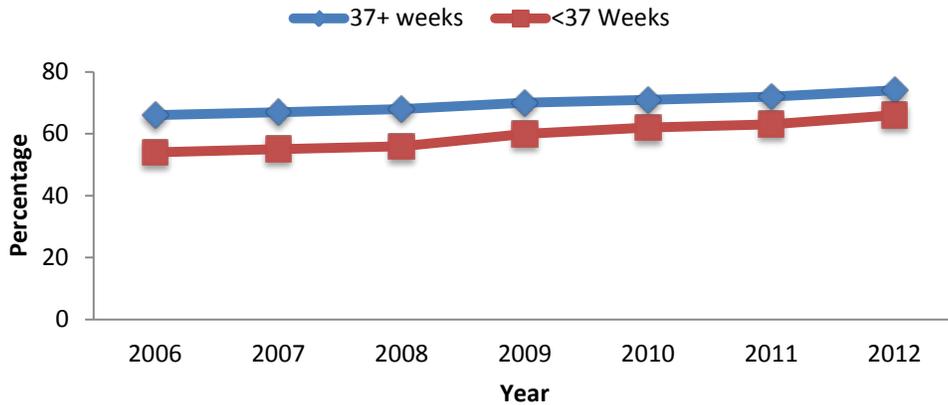
Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Initiation Rate by Gestation and Birth Weight, 2006-2012

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Gestation							
37+ Weeks	66%	67%	68%	70%	71%	72%	74%
<37 Weeks	54%	55%	56%	60%	62%	63%	66%
Birth Weight							
0-1499 Grams	40%	44%	44%	49%	53%	52%	54%
1500-2499 Grams	53%	54%	55%	59%	60%	62%	64%
2500+ Grams	66%	67%	68%	70%	71%	72%	74%

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.

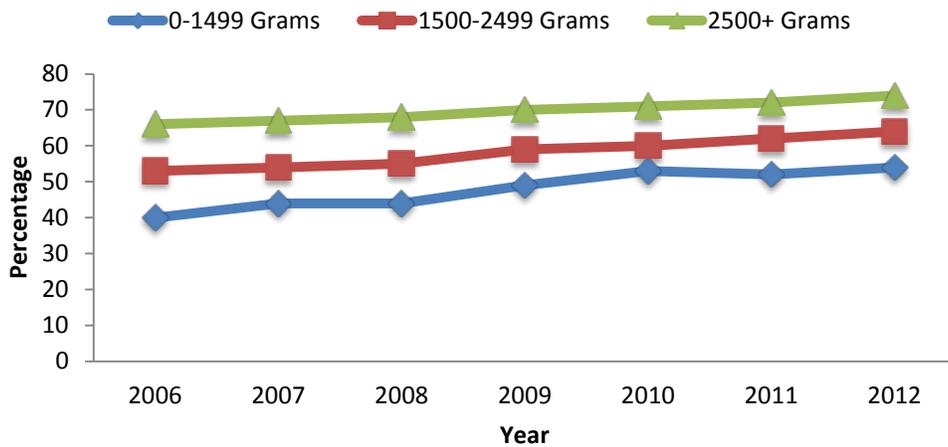
Pennsylvania has adopted the Healthy People 2020 breastfeeding initiation goal that 81.9% of women ever breastfed.

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