

**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.

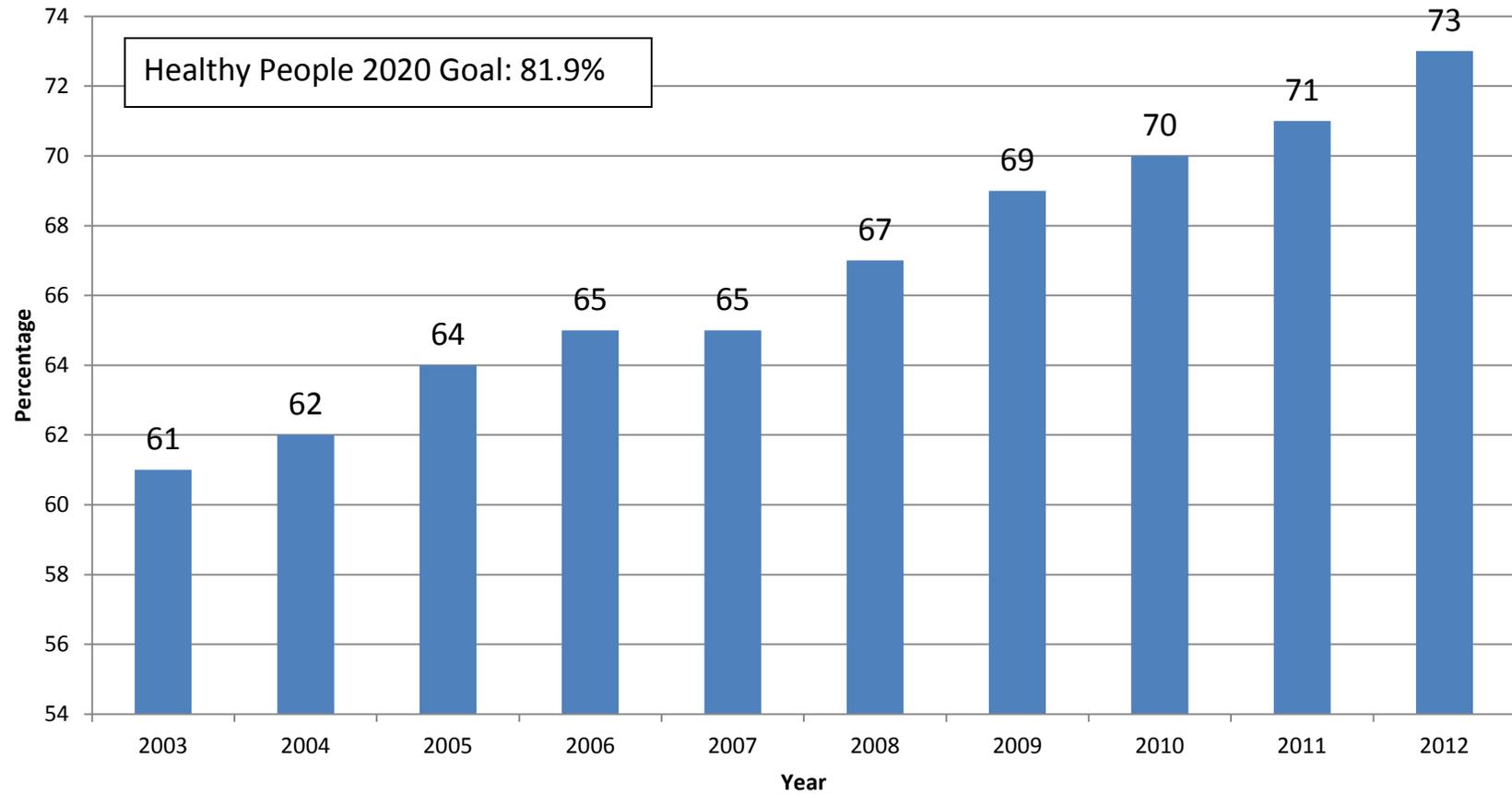
Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Initiation Rates, 2003-2012

2003	61%
2004	62%
2005	64%
2006	65%
2007	65%
2008	67%
2009	69%
2010	70%
2011	71%
2012	73%

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Health Statistics and Research, Certificate of Live Birth
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Pennsylvania has adopted the Healthy People 2020 breastfeeding initiation goal that 81.9% of women ever breastfed.

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