



Bureau of Family Health
Breastfeeding Awareness and Support Program

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, Division of Health Informatics where it is analyzed. The question: *Is newborn being breastfed?* was added to the birth certificate in 2003.

Pennsylvania Breastfeeding Initiation Rates, 2003-2017

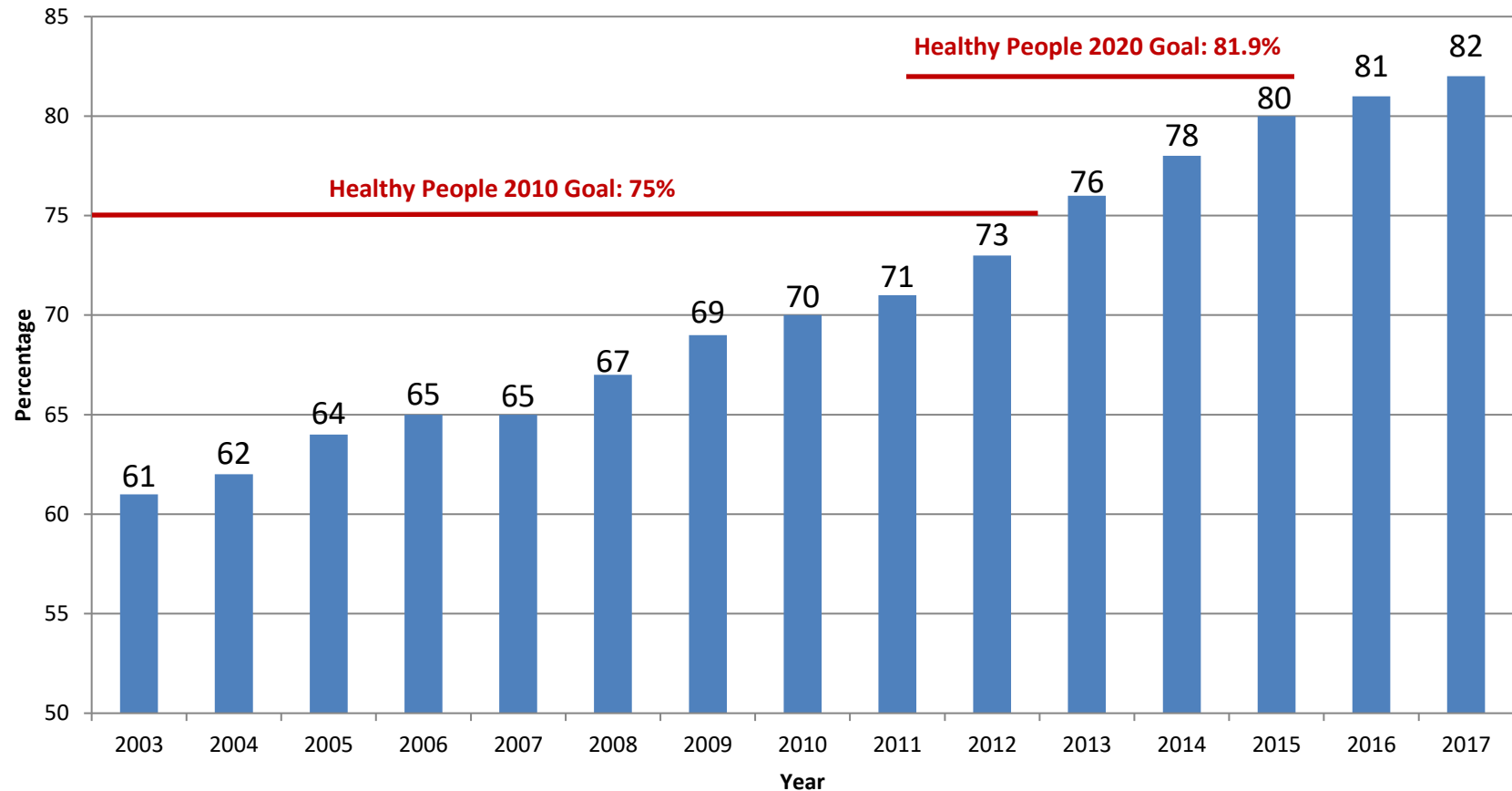
2003	61%
2004	62%
2005	64%
2006	65%
2007	65%
2008	67%
2009	69%
2010	70%
2011	71%
2012	73%
2013	76%
2014	78%
2015	80%
2016	81%
2017	82%

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Health Informatics, 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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