

Breastfeeding

Percentage (%) of new mothers who reported the following reasons for not breastfeeding

Survey Question 54: What were your reasons for not breastfeeding your baby?

	Percentage ¹	95% CI ²	Respondents ³	Estimated Population Affected ⁴
I didn't like breastfeeding	37.8	30.3 - 45.8	68	7,835
I didn't want to	19.1	13.7 - 26.0	39	3,965
I went back to work or school	19.6	14.1 - 26.6	35	4,067
I was sick or on medicine	12.9	8.5 - 19.2	26	2,679
I tried but it was too hard**	10.5	6.6 - 16.5	18	2,189
I had other children to take care of	13.8	9.2 - 20.3	24	2,870
I had too many household duties	14.1	9.4 - 20.7	22	2,932

¹Percentage = Weighted percentage of Illinois mothers giving birth to live infants in 2014 who responded Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator

²CI = confidence interval

³Respondents (N) = Total number of mothers who responded Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator

⁴Estimated population affected = Estimated number of Illinois mothers giving birth in 2014 who would respond Yes to the survey question for the specified indicator