

Breastfeeding

Percentage (%) of recent mothers in Illinois who reported the following reasons for not breastfeeding
Among women who did not initiate breastfeeding, even for a short period of time

Survey Question 52: What were your reasons for not breastfeeding your new baby? Response: Yes

	Percentage ¹	95% CI ²		Respondents ³	Estimated Population Affected ⁴
I didn't like breastfeeding	41.7	33.3	50.7	149	7,011
I didn't want to	27.5	20.3	36.2	149	4,628
I went back to work	19.5	13.4	27.5	149	3,278
I had other children to take care of	18.6	12.6	26.5	149	3,125
I had too many household duties	11.7	7.0	18.7	149	1,962
I was sick or on medicine	9.9	5.8	16.4	149	1,661
I tried but it was too hard	8.1	4.4	14.5	149	1,361
I went back to school	5.5	2.5	11.4	149	922

¹Percentage = Weighted percentage

²CI = confidence interval

-- Indicates denominator <30 respondents

³Respondents = The total number who responded to the survey question

⁴Estimated Population Affected = Estimated number of Illinois mothers/infants with characteristic or condition