

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 want to	33.5	26.2	41.6	178	6,134
I didn't like breastfeeding	27.1	20.4	35.0	178	4,967
I had other children to take care of	23.5	17.1	31.4	178	4,304
I went back to work	16.6	11.4	23.6	178	3,044
I was sick or on medicine	15.1	10.3	21.6	178	2,762
I had too many household duties	14.5	9.4	21.6	178	2,652
I tried but it was too hard	13.5	8.6	20.5	178	2,475
I went back to school	2.3	0.8	6.4	178	417

¹Percentage = Weighted percentage

²CI = Confidence interval lower/upper bounds -- Indicates denominator <30 respondents or numerator <6 respondents

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

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