

Table 3D
2008 Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance (1)
National
Summary of Breastfeeding Indicators
Children Aged < 5 Years (2)

Summary of Breastfeeding Indicators (3)		
	National Prevalence	
	Number	%
Breastfeeding Duration (4,5)		
Ever Breastfed	1,719,083	62.0
Breastfed 1+ Weeks	1,438,863	58.6
Breastfed 2+ Weeks	1,130,089	55.9
Breastfed 3+ Weeks	926,949	53.1
Breastfed 4+ Weeks	809,718	50.3
Breastfed 6+ Weeks	685,195	44.3
Breastfed 2+ Months	641,174	39.1
Breastfed 3+ Months	678,922	34.2
Breastfed 4+ Months	757,778	30.7
Breastfed 5+ Months	850,698	27.9
Breastfed 6+ Months	848,761	26.9
Breastfed 9+ Months	959,723	21.4
Breastfed 12+ Months	1,038,203	19.1
Breastfed 18+ Months	785,855	10.6
Exclusive Breastfeeding (6)		
Exclusively Breastfed at Least 3 Months	144,421	12.9
Exclusively Breastfed at Least 6 Months	206,416	7.2

(1) Reporting period is January 1 through December 31.

(2) Analyses based on one record per child.

(3) Excludes records with unknown data or errors.

(4) Infants born during the reporting period included in the Ever Breastfed analysis. For each breastfeeding duration category, the analysis includes only children who turned that age during the reporting period by/on their date of visit. For example, infants who turned 9 months old during the reporting period by/on their date of visit are included in the 9+ months analysis.

(5) It is possible the analysis will show that slightly more infants are breastfed at older ages, e.g. 1+ week of age, than at younger ages, e.g. at birth (ever breastfed), due to variation in infants included in each breastfeeding analysis category.

(6) The analysis includes infants who were ever breastfed and who turned that age during the reporting period by/on their date of visit.

* Percentages are not calculated if < 100 records are available for analysis after exclusions.