

**Data table for Figure 27. Babies breastfed 3 months or more among mothers 22–44 years of age, by mother’s education level: United States, 1992–1994 through 2002–2004**

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| <i>Mother’s education level</i>       | <i>1992–1994</i> |           | <i>1995–1998</i> |           | <i>1999–2001</i> |           | <i>2002–2004</i> |           |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
|                                       | <i>Percent</i>   | <i>SE</i> | <i>Percent</i>   | <i>SE</i> | <i>Percent</i>   | <i>SE</i> | <i>Percent</i>   | <i>SE</i> |
| Mothers 22–44 years . . . . .         | 33.6             | 1.2       | 45.8             | 1.7       | 48.4             | 1.9       | 53.2             | 2.6       |
| No high school diploma . . . . .      | 25.2             | 3.1       | 33.9             | 3.3       | 37.0             | 4.4       | 45.8             | 8.9       |
| High school graduate or GED . . . . . | 27.4             | 2.2       | 36.9             | 3.9       | 43.1             | 3.3       | 43.2             | 4.1       |
| Some college . . . . .                | 38.7             | 2.8       | 49.6             | 2.9       | 52.8             | 3.0       | 43.7             | 4.3       |
| Bachelor’s degree or higher . . . . . | 59.3             | 2.5       | 64.5             | 3.3       | 64.1             | 3.7       | 74.6             | 3.7       |

NOTES: SE is standard error; GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma. Data are for the civilian noninstitutionalized population. Mother’s education is at time of interview. Data are based on single births to mothers 22–44 years of age at time of interview and may include births that occurred when the mothers were younger than 22 years of age. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months of life. This analysis was limited to breastfeeding for the first 3 months of life in order to have sufficient numbers to analyze breastfeeding practices by mother’s education level. Estimates for the percentage of babies breastfed 3 or more months are based on the questions: “When [child] was an infant, have/did you breastfed him/her at all?” and “How old was he/she when you stopped breastfeeding him/her altogether?” Babies with mothers who responded yes to the first question and reported that they stopped breastfeeding their child altogether at 3 or more months, or the equivalent of 3 or more months in weeks or in days, are classified as being breastfed 3 or more months. See Appendix II, Education. Also see Table 14.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, Cycle 5 conducted in 1995 (1992–1994), Cycle 6 conducted in 2002 (1995–1998 and 1999–2001), and Cycle 7 conducted in 2006–2008 (2002–2004). See Appendix I, National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG).