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Breastfeeding practices, females aged 15 to 55 who had a baby in the last 5 years, Canada, provinces, territories and peer groups (June 2003 boundaries), every 2 years (percent)

Survey or program details: Canadian Community Health Survey - 3226

Geography ¹¹	Breastfeeding practices ²	Characteristics 3,4,6,8,9,10	2003
		Percent	F
	Did not breastfeed ⁴	Low 95% confidence interval, percent	F
		High 95% confidence interval, percent	F
		Coefficient of variation for percent	F
	Initiated breastfeeding ^{4,5}	Percent	88.0
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	69.5
		High 95% confidence interval, percent	1
		Coefficient of variation for percent	10.8
	Breastfed at least 4 months ⁶	Percent	65.3 ^E
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	38.5 ^E
		High 95% confidence interval, percent	92.1 ^E
Yukon Territory [60]		Coefficient of variation for percent	20.9 ^E
	D	Percent	36.6 ^E
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	16.3 ^E
	Breastfed at least 4 months exclusively 6.7	High 95% confidence interval, percent	56.9 ^E
		Coefficient of variation for percent	28.3 ^E
	Breastfed at least 6 months ⁶	Percent	58.2 ^E
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	31.8 ^E
		High 95% confidence interval, percent	84.6 ^E
		Coefficient of variation for percent	23.1 ^E
		Percent	F
	Breastfed at least 6 months exclusively 6.7	Low 95% confidence interval, percent	F
		High 95% confidence interval, percent	F
		Coefficient of variation for percent	F
Northwest Territories [61]	Did not breastfeed $^{\underline{4}}$	Percent	26.7 ^E
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	10.3 ^E
		High 95% confidence interval, percent	43.1 ^E
		Coefficient of variation for percent	31.3 ^E
	Initiated breastfeeding ^{4.5}	Percent	73.3
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	56.9
		High 95% confidence interval, percent	89.7
		Coefficient of variation for percent	11.4
	Breastfed at least 4 months ⁶	Percent	51.7 ^E
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	34.1 ^E
		High 95% confidence interval, percent	69.3 ^E
		Coefficient of variation for percent	17.4 ^E
	Breastfed at least 4 months exclusively ^{6.7}	Percent	43.0 ^E
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	23.5 ^E
		High 95% confidence interval, percent	62.5 ^E
		Coefficient of variation for percent	23.1 ^E
		Percent	34.8 ^E
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		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	19.7 ^E
	Breastfed at least 6 months ⁶	High 95% confidence interval, percent	49.9 ^E
		Coefficient of variation for percent	22.1 ^E
		Percent	21.6 ^E
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	7.9 ^E
	Breastfed at least 6 months exclusively 6.	High 95% confidence interval, percent	35.3 ^E
		Coefficient of variation for percent	32.4 ^E
Nunavut [62]		Percent	26.6 ^E
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	10.6 ^E
	Did not breastfeed ⁴	High 95% confidence interval, percent	42.6 ^E
		Coefficient of variation for percent	30.6 ^E
		Percent	73.4
	45	Low 95% confidence interval, percent	57.4
	Initiated breastfeeding ^{4,5}	High 95% confidence interval, percent	89.4
		Coefficient of variation for percent	11.1
		Percent	41.2
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	32.5
	Breastfed at least 4 months ⁶	High 95% confidence interval, percent	50.0
		Coefficient of variation for percent	10.8
		Percent	32.7 ^E
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	21.0 ^E
	Breastfed at least 4 months exclusively 6.	High 95% confidence interval, percent	44.4 ^E
		Coefficient of variation for percent	18.3 ^E
		Percent	29.0 ^E
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	16.9 ^E
	Breastfed at least 6 months ⁶	High 95% confidence interval, percent	41.0 ^E
		Coefficient of variation for percent	21.2 ^E
		Percent	F
		Low 95% confidence interval, percent	F
	Breastfed at least 6 months exclusively 6.	High 95% confidence interval, percent	F
		Coefficient of variation for percent	F

Symbol legend:

- E Use with caution
- F Too unreliable to be published

Footnotes:

- 1. Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey, 2003
- 2. Based on information provided by females aged 15 to 55 who had a baby in the last 5 years.
- 3. Analysis excludes non-response ("don't know", "not stated" and "refusal").
- 4. For the percentage of mothers who initiated breastfeeding and the percentage of mothers who did not breastfeed, the denominator is females aged 15 to 55 who had a baby in the last 5 years.
- 5. Initiated breastfeeding refers to mothers who breastfed or tried to breastfeed their last child even if only for a short time.
- 6. For the duration and exclusivity of breastfeeding, the denominator is females aged 15 to 55 who had a baby in the last 5 years, excluding mothers who were still breastfeeding.
- 7. Exclusive breastfeeding refers to an infant receiving only breast milk, without any additional liquid (even water) or solid food.
- 8. Bootstrapping techniques were used to produce the coefficient of variation (CV) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs).
- 9. Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) from 16.6% to 33.3% are identified by an (E) and should be interpreted with caution.
- 10. Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) greater than 33.3% were suppressed (F) due to extreme sampling variability.
- 11. A "peer group" is a grouping of health regions that have similar social and economic characteristics. The nine peer groups are identified by the letters A through I.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 105-0244 - Breastfeeding practices, females aged 15 to 55 who had a baby in the last 5 years, Canada, provinces, territories and peer groups (June 2003 boundaries), every 2 years (percent), CANSIM (database). http://cansim2.statcan.ca/cgi-win/cnsmcgi.exe?

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