

# MAKING SENSE OF BREASTFEEDING DATA



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# Objectives

- Delineate three unique surveillance systems for tracking breastfeeding data
- Define how to use breastfeeding data for improvement in breastfeeding support programs
- Understand the benefits and limitations of each tracking system

# Paradigm Shifts in National Breastfeeding Efforts in the United States

1990s

2010s

Personal choice → Public health priority

Promotion to initiate → Support to implement

Individual recommendations → Environment/policy changes

Maternal responsibility → Shared accountability

Maintenance mode → Unprecedented activity

# Measuring Breastfeeding Support



Outcomes



Overall BF



Exclusive BF

Process



IFS II



mPINC

Healthy People  
2020

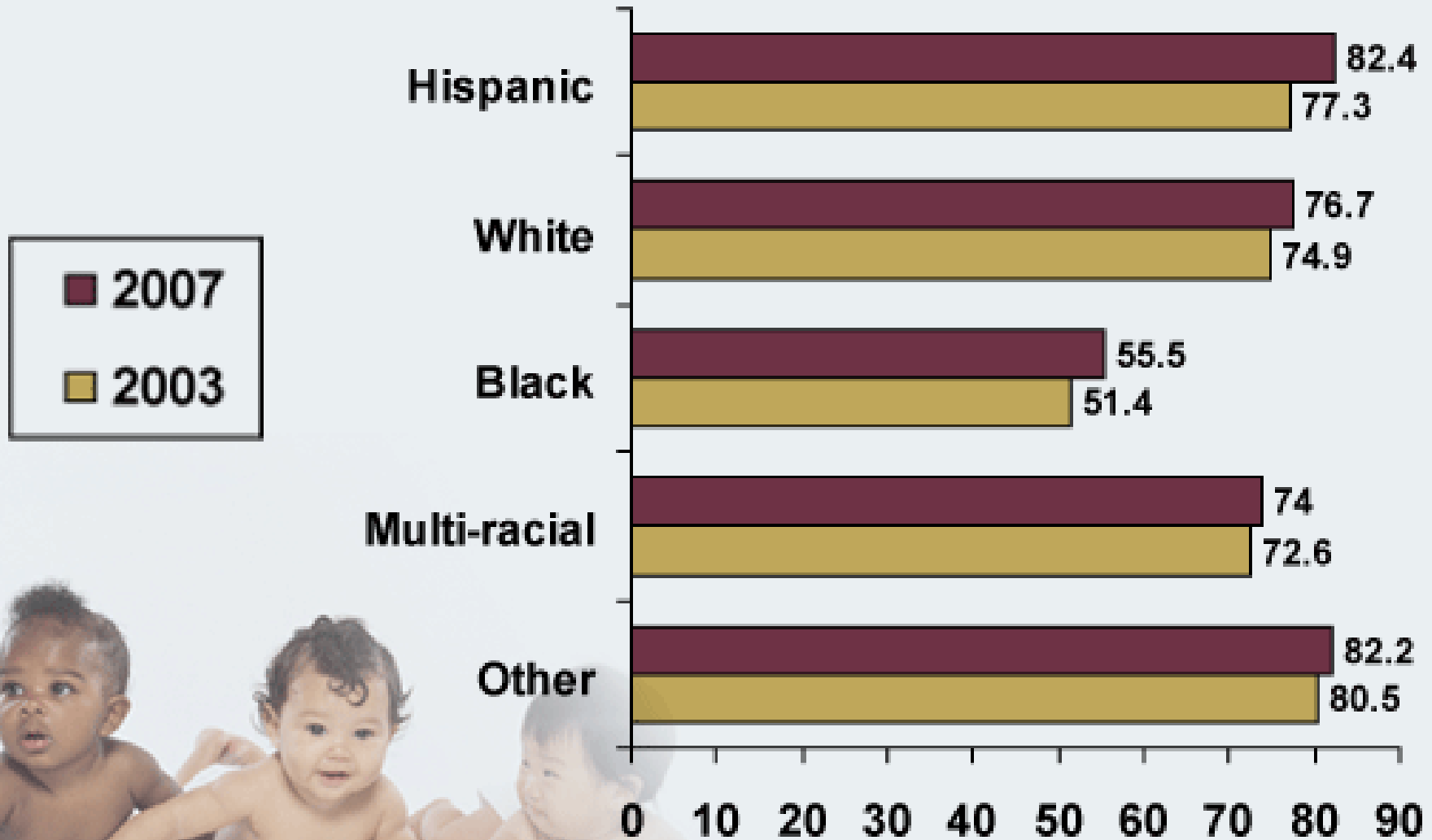


# Healthy People 2020 Objectives

	Baseline (year measured) %	2020 Target %
<b>Increase the proportion of infants who are breastfed:</b>	(2006 births)	
<b>Ever</b>	74.0	81.9
<b>At 6 months</b>	43.5	60.6
<b>At 1 year</b>	22.7	34.1
<b>Exclusively through 3 months</b>	33.6	46.2
<b>Exclusively through 6 months</b>	14.1	25.5
<b>Increase the proportion of employers that have worksite lactation support programs</b>	25.0 (2009)	38.0
<b>Reduce the proportion of breastfed newborns who receive formula supplementation within the first 2 days of life</b>	24.2 (2006 births)	14.2
<b>Increase the proportion of live births that occur in facilities that provide recommended care for lactating mothers and their babies</b>	2.9 (2009)	8.1

National Policy

# Children Ever Breastfed or Fed Breast Milk by Race/Ethnicity

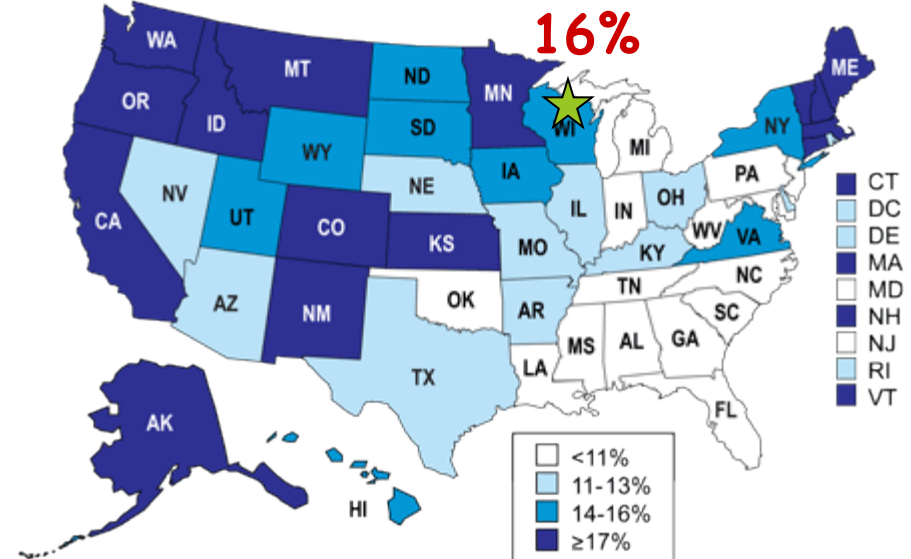
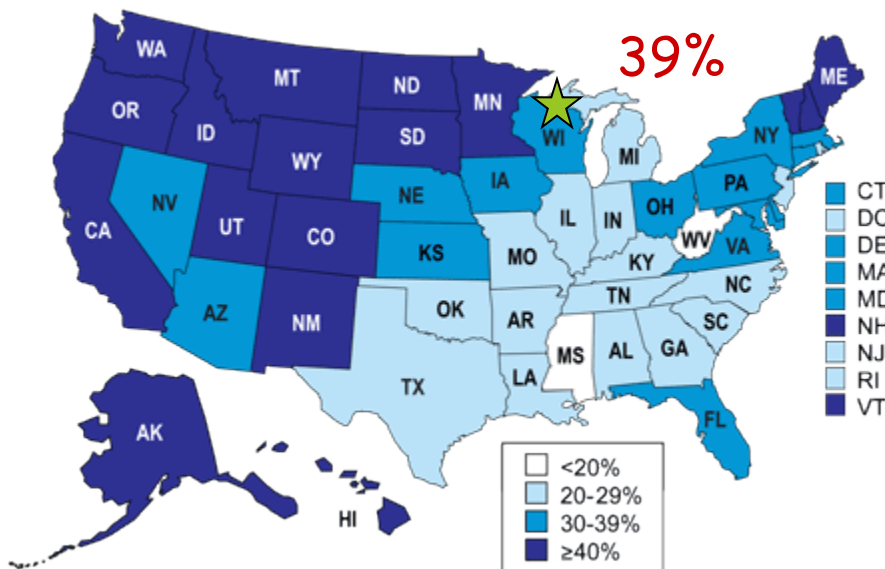


# Exclusive Breastfeeding in the US

...to increase the proportion of mothers who exclusively breastfeed their infants (using NIS data)

through age 3 months to **46%**  
(old target 40%)

through age 6 months to **26%**  
(old target 17%)

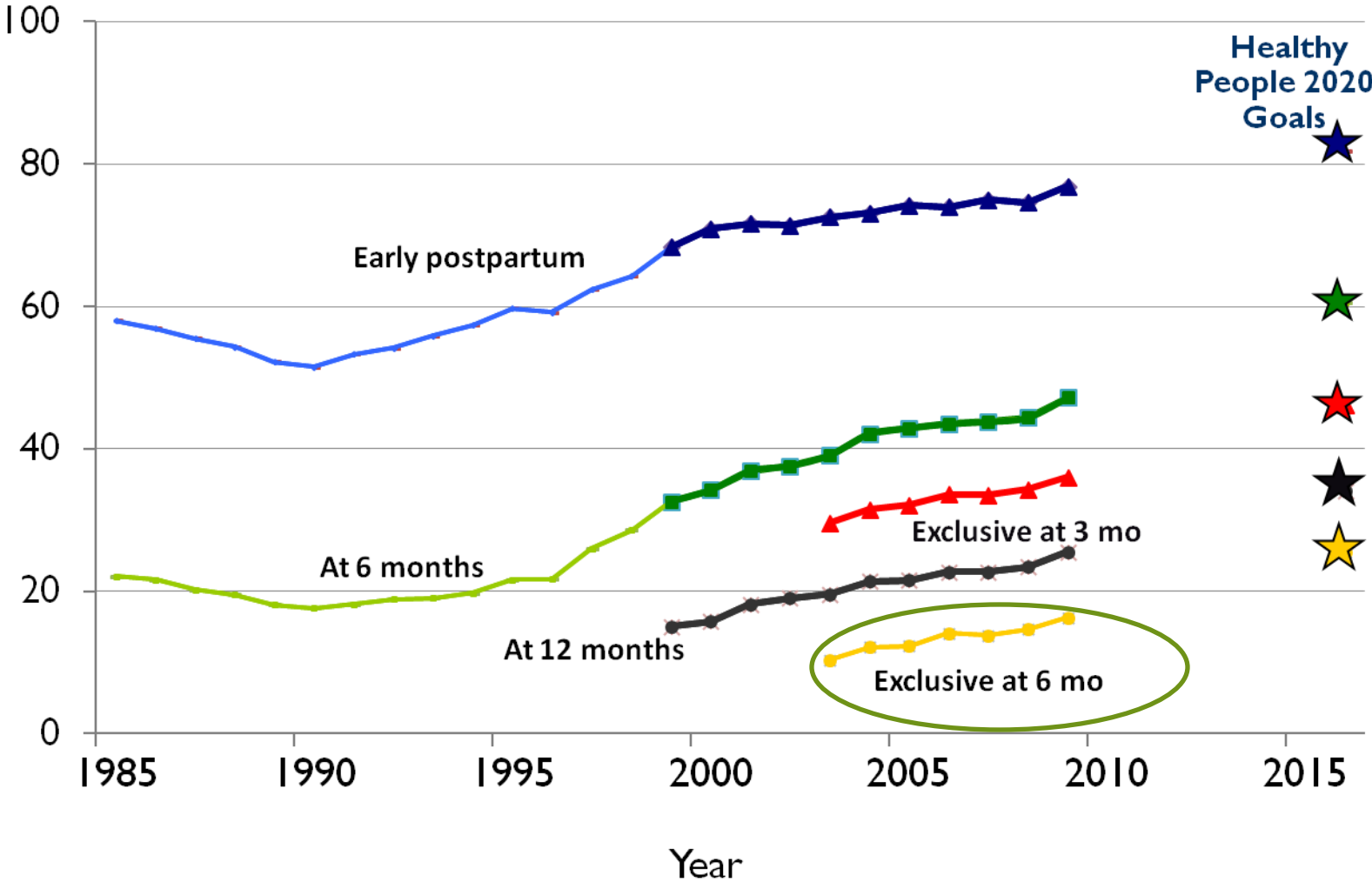


By the year 2020

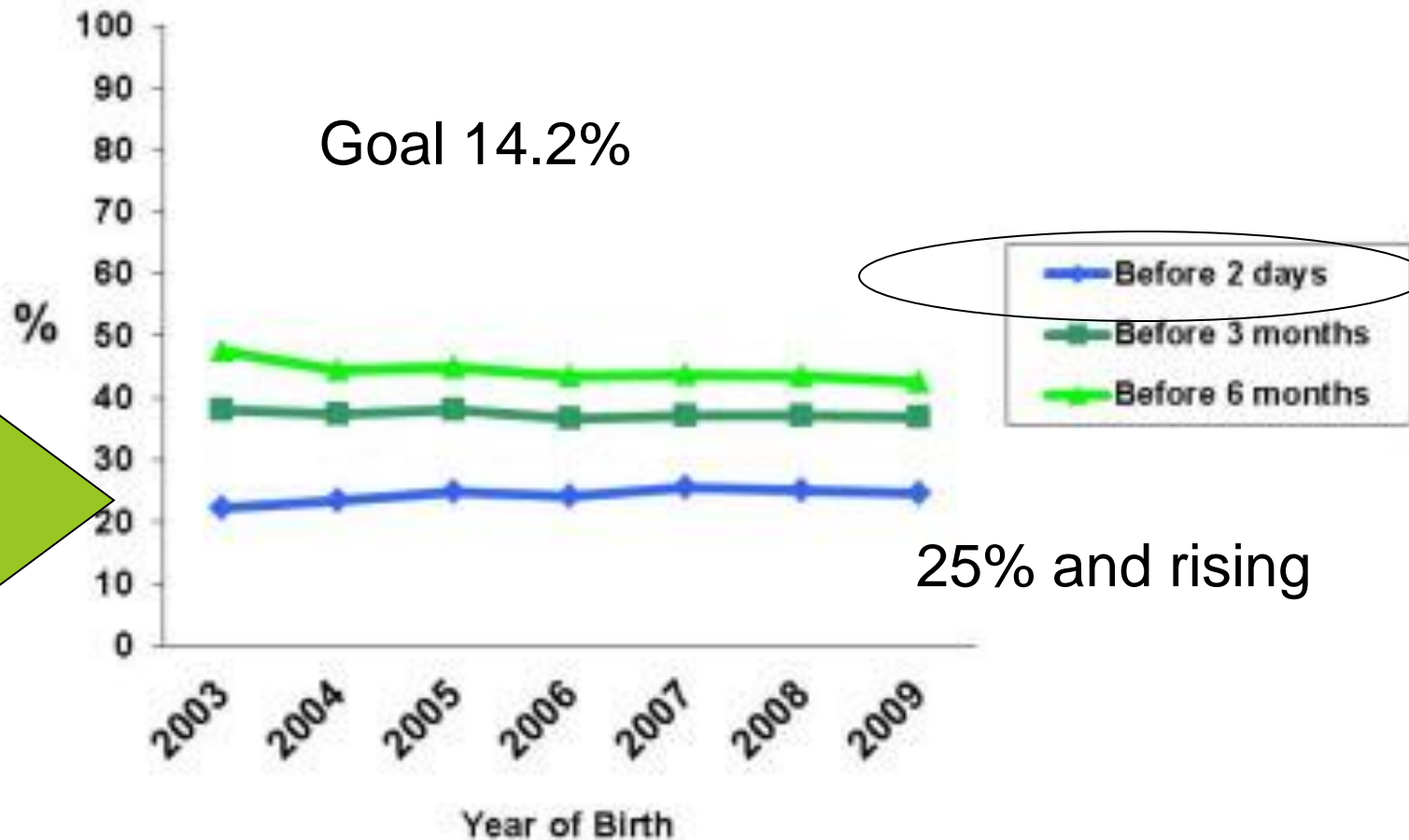
[http://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/data/NIS\\_data/data\\_2007.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/data/NIS_data/data_2007.htm)



# US breastfeeding rates, 1985-2009

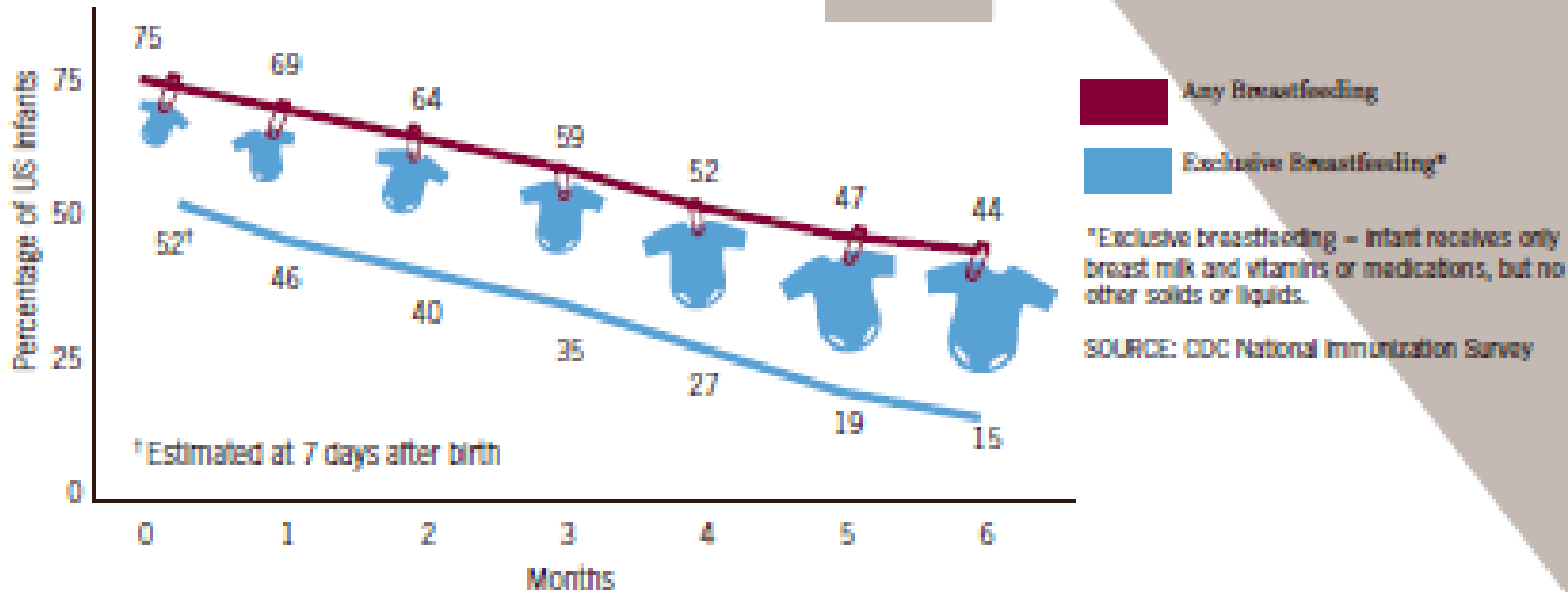


# Percent of U.S. breastfed children supplemented with infant formula



# Breastfeeding *Support* is Necessary

Percentage of any and exclusive breastfeeding by month since birth among US infants born in 2008



# CDC's Surveillance of Breastfeeding

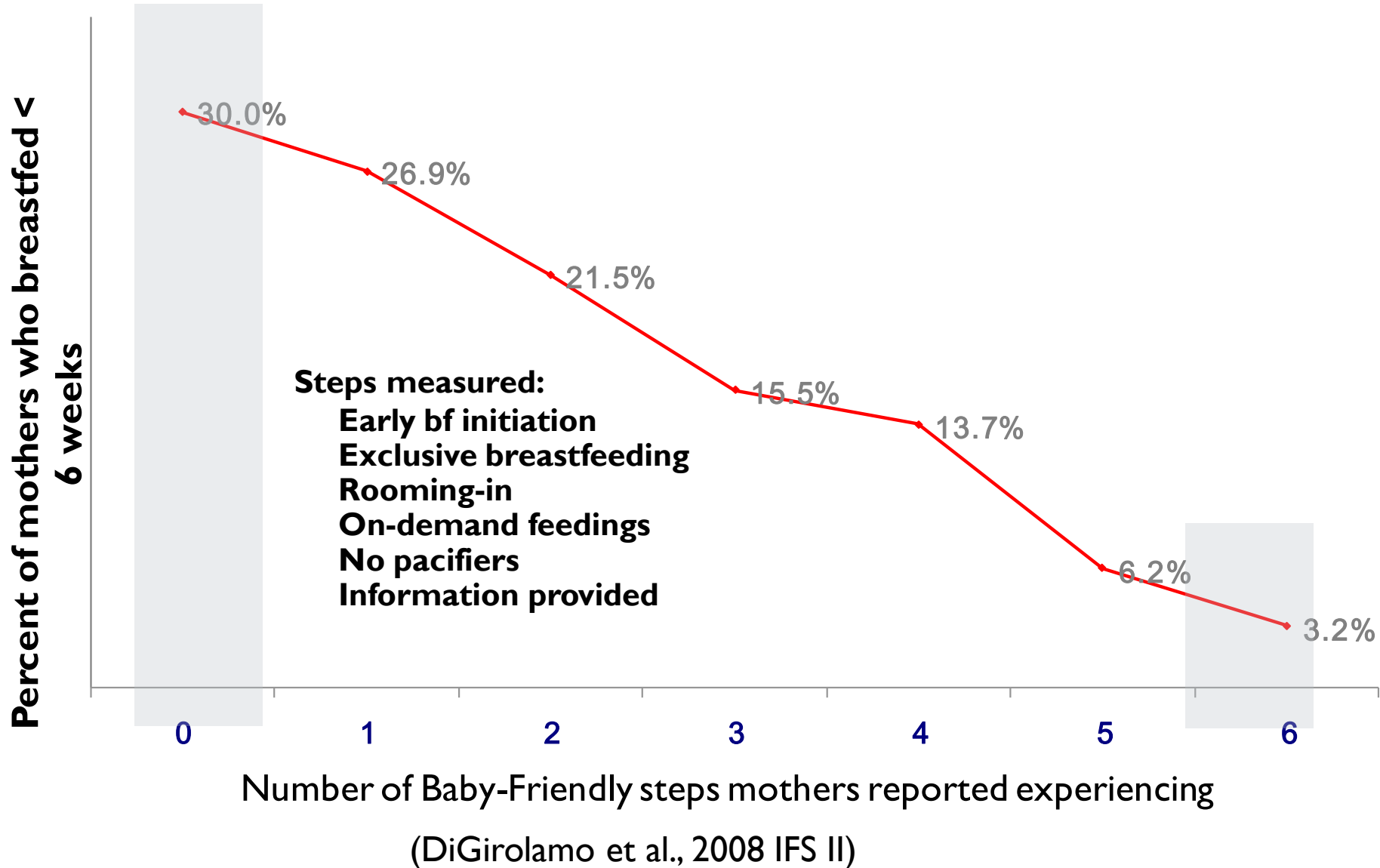
- **Monitoring of rates** (NIS, PedNSS, PRAMS, etc.)
- **Infant Feeding Practices Study II**
- **CDC Survey of Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC)**
- **Actions:**
  - Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding
  - Federal Interagency Breastfeeding Workgroup
  - Breastfeeding Report Card
  - CDC Guide to Breastfeeding Interventions



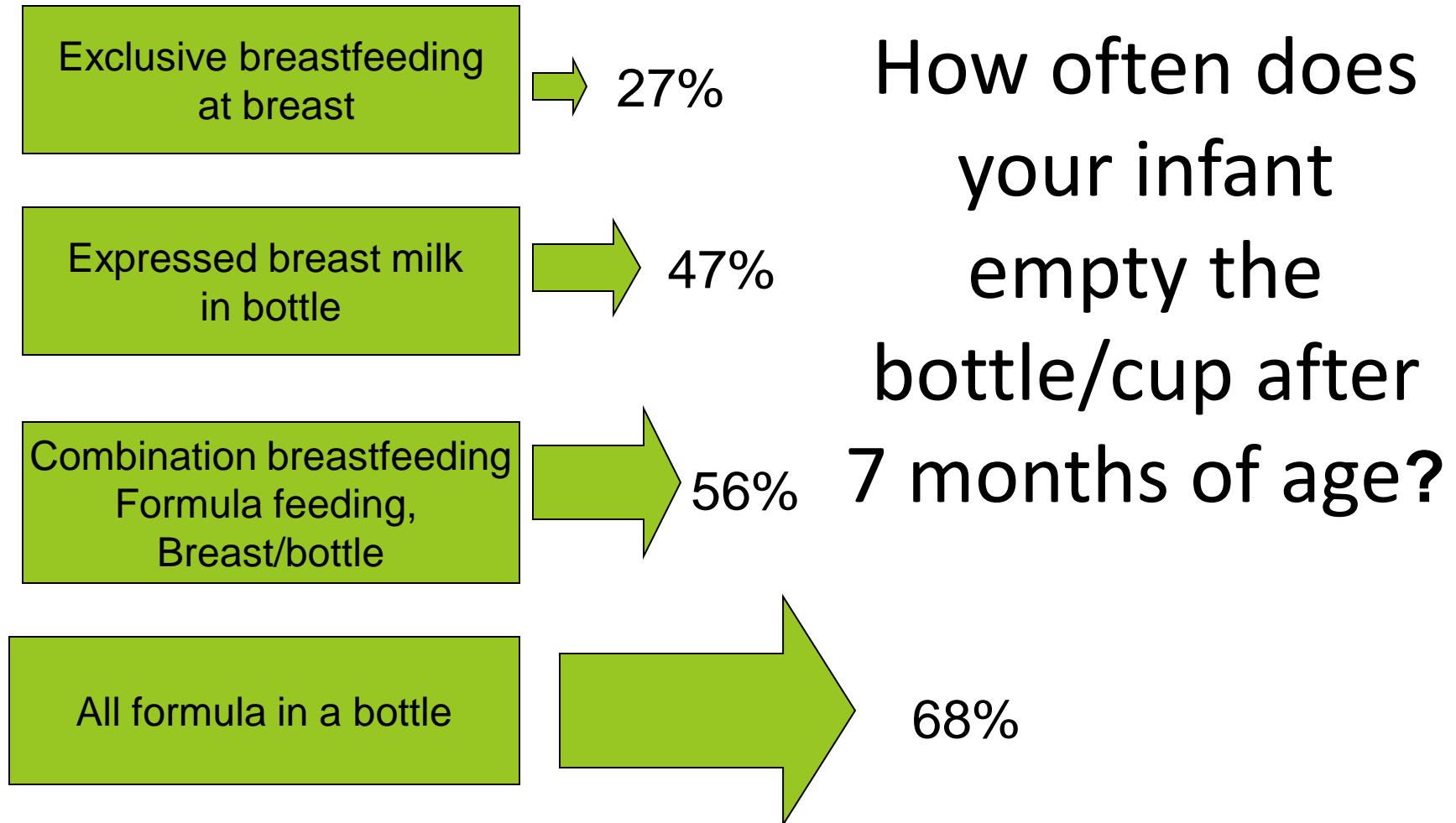
# Mothers do not breastfeed as long as they intend

- 80% of women intend to breastfeed.
- 77% start breastfeeding.
- 16% exclusive breastfeeding at 6 mos.
- **60% of mothers do not breastfeed as long as they intend**
  - problems with latch
  - problems with milk flow
  - poor weight gain
  - pain

# The number of *Baby Friendly* steps in place predicts risk of breastfeeding cessation



# Breastfeeding Leads to Self-Regulation



# CDC Survey of Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC)

- Assesses Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding in all birthing facilities
- 2007, 2009, 2011
  - 2 functions
    - Education of hospital leadership & staff
    - National monitoring of practices
  - August 2011: CDC director issued Vital Signs report (1.3 billion media impressions)

**Vital signs™**  
August 2011

## Hospital Support for Breastfeeding

Preventing obesity begins in hospitals

Childhood obesity is an epidemic. In the US, 1 preschooler in 5 is at least overweight, and half of these are obese. Breastfeeding helps protect against childhood obesity. A baby's risk of becoming an overweight child goes down with each month of breastfeeding. In the US, most babies start breastfeeding, but within the first week, half have already been given formula, and by 9 months, only 31% of babies are breastfeeding at all. Hospitals can either help or hinder mothers and babies as they begin to breastfeed. The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative describes Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding that have been shown to increase breastfeeding rates by providing support to mothers. Unfortunately, most US hospitals do not fully support breastfeeding; they should do more to make sure mothers can start and continue breastfeeding.

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Want to learn more? Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns>

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion  
Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity



# National Survey of Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC)

- National survey of U.S. hospitals (n=3,143) and birth centers (n=138); 82% response rate
- The survey contained 52 questions about birth facility's maternity practices, training, personnel, policy, and facility characteristics; Mean score=63 in 2007
- 24% of birth facilities reported supplementing more than half of healthy breastfed newborns during the postpartum stay
- 70% of facilities reported providing discharge packs containing infant formula samples to breastfeeding mothers

# mPINC Dimensions

- Labor and delivery care (Step 4)
- Postpartum care
  - Feeding of breastfed infants (Step 6)
  - Breastfeeding assistance (Step 5, 8 & 9)
  - Contact between mother and infant (Step 7)
- Discharge care (Step 10)
- Staff training (Step 2)
- Structural and organizational aspects of care delivery (Steps 1, 3 and the Code)

# Benchmark Reports

- Individual policies/practices (36 items)
  - Rationale, explanation, ideal response, actual response, score (0-100)
- Subscores for each dimension
  - Percentile within
    - Nation
    - State
    - Facilities of comparable size
- Composite Quality Practice Score



# Basic design

- Census design
- Single key informant
- Paper or web-based
- Anonymous
- Based on WHO/UNICEF Ten Steps
- Total of 52 questions
  - Numeric responses
  - Checklists
  - Likert scale (e.g. Few, Some, Many, Most)



# Do You Know Your Score?

Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) Survey  
**Quality Practice Measures—2007**

## Benchmark Report

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# I. Labor and Delivery Care

Subscore

0

Subscore Percentiles

National | 0

State | 2

Comparable size | 1

0

100

**SAMPLE**

Measure	Rationale	Explanation	Ideal Response	Your Response	Your Score
Initial skin-to-skin contact	Skin-to-skin contact improves infant ability to establish breastfeeding. <sup>9</sup>	This measure reports how many patients experience mother-infant skin-to-skin contact for at least 30 minutes within 1 hour of uncomplicated vaginal birth.	Most	Few	0
		This measure reports how many patients experience mother-infant skin-to-skin contact for at least 30 minutes within 2 hours of uncomplicated Cesarean birth.	Most	Few	0
Initial breastfeeding opportunity	Early initiation of breastfeeding increases overall breastfeeding duration & reduces a mother's risk of delayed onset of milk production. <sup>10</sup>	This measure reports what percent of patients have the opportunity to breastfeed within 1 hour of uncomplicated vaginal birth.	≥90	5	0
		This measure reports what percent of patients have the opportunity to breastfeed within 2 hours of uncomplicated Cesarean birth.	≥90	0	0
Routine procedures performed skin-to-skin	Performing routine newborn procedures & assessments skin-to-skin increases infant stability, is safe for mother & infant, <sup>11</sup> & improves breastfeeding outcomes by reducing unnecessary separation of mother & infant. <sup>12</sup>	This measure reports how often patients have routine infant procedures performed while mother & infant are skin-to-skin.	Almost always	Rarely	0







## II. Postpartum Care— a. Feeding of Breastfed Infants

***SAMPLE***

Subscore **25**

### Subscore Percentiles

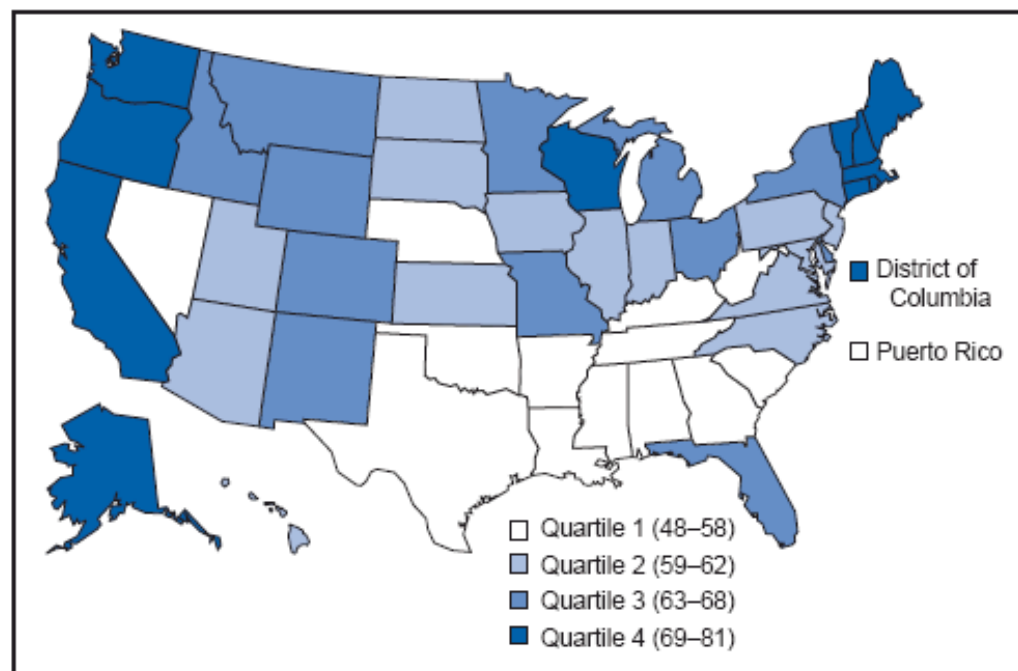
National | 2  
State | 6  
Comparable size | 4  
0

100

Measure	Rationale	Explanation	Ideal Response	Your Response	Your Score
Initial feeding received after birth	Neonatal immune system development depends on transfer of specific antibodies through colostrum & is impaired by prior introduction of non-breast milk feeds. <sup>13,14</sup>	This measure reports what percent of breastfeeding infants receive breast milk as their first feeding after uncomplicated vaginal birth.	≥90	5	0
		This measure reports what percent of breastfeeding infants receive breast milk as their first feeding after uncomplicated Cesarean birth.	≥90	5	0
Supplementary feedings	The AAP & ACOG <i>Guidelines for Perinatal Care</i> <sup>15</sup> & Academy for Breastfeeding Medicine guidelines for supplementing feedings in healthy <sup>16</sup> & hypoglycemic <sup>17</sup> neonates all recommend against routine supplementation with formula, glucose water, or water.	This measure reports what percent of breastfeeding infants receive non-breast milk feedings.	<10	95	0
		This measure reports whether breastfeeding infants receive glucose water and/or water.	No	No	100

# Regional Variation of mPINC Scores

**FIGURE. Mean total maternity practice scores,\* by quartile — Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care Survey, United States, 2007**



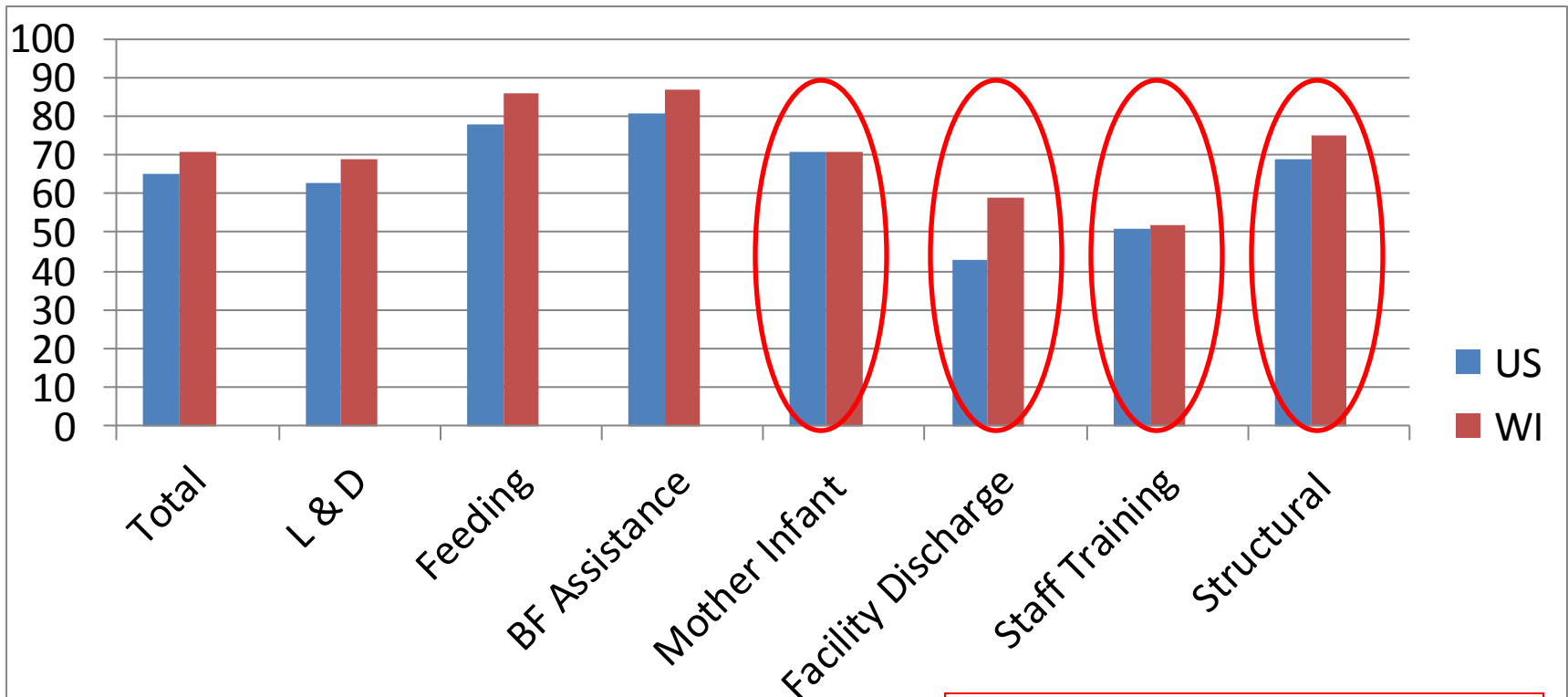
\* Maximum possible mean score is 100. Additional information regarding survey questions and scoring is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mpinc>.

CDC. Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care, MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2008 Jun 13;57(23):621-5.



# mPINC Scores US/WI

**34% of WI facilities follow recommended guidelines for supplementation**



**14% of WI facilities have comprehensive Breastfeeding policies inclusive of the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding**

**15% of facilities report that most infants remain with their mothers for 23/24 hours per day**

Source: CDC mPINC 2009



# Labor and Delivery Care

Average score: 70

# Inappropriate practices are common, especially among surgical (cesarean) births.

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Few/some mothers have  $\geq 30$  min. skin-to-skin contact with the infant.

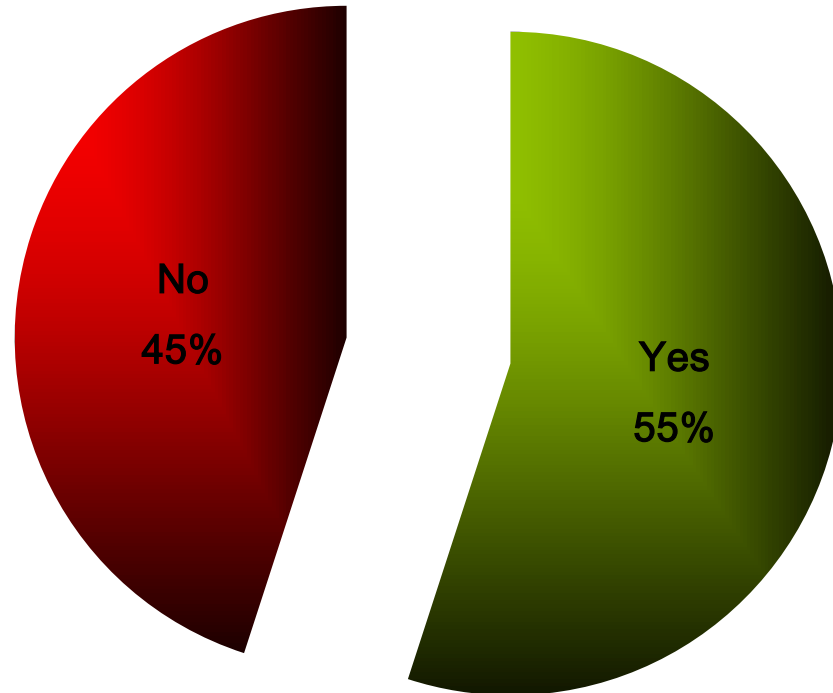
Less than half of breastfeeding patients begin breastfeeding within...

Percent of facilities

Vaginal births	Surgical births
22.9%	37.0%
...1 hour 11.7%	...2 hours 20.5%

Many facilities unnecessarily separate mothers and infants during newborn procedures.

**Are mother and baby usually skin-to-skin while staff are completing routine newborn procedures?**



NB: Routine newborn procedures include Apgar, foot printing, ID banding, etc.



# Feeding of Breastfed Infants

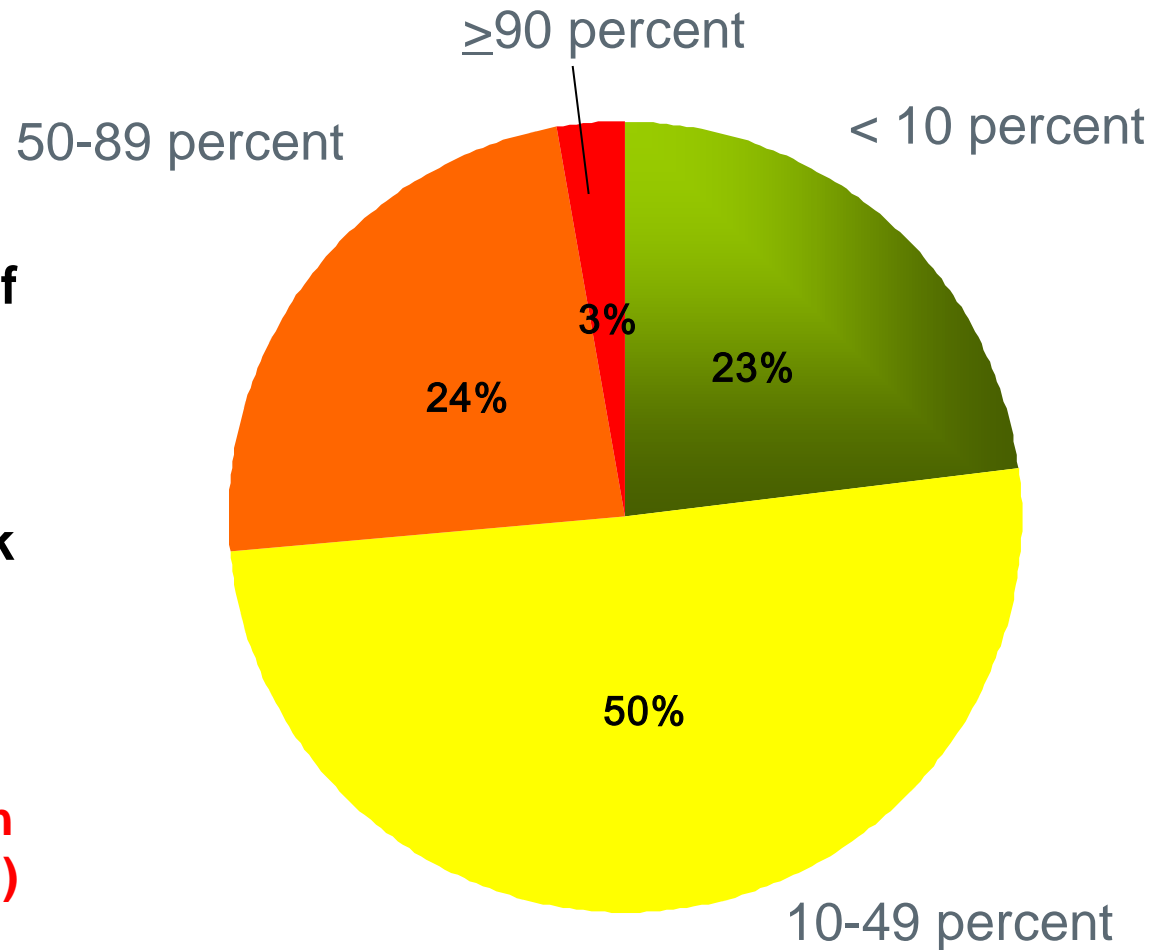
**Average score: 81**



# High rates of supplementation.

**What percent of healthy breastfed infants receive non-breast milk feedings?**

**(18.7% supplement with water or glucose water.)**

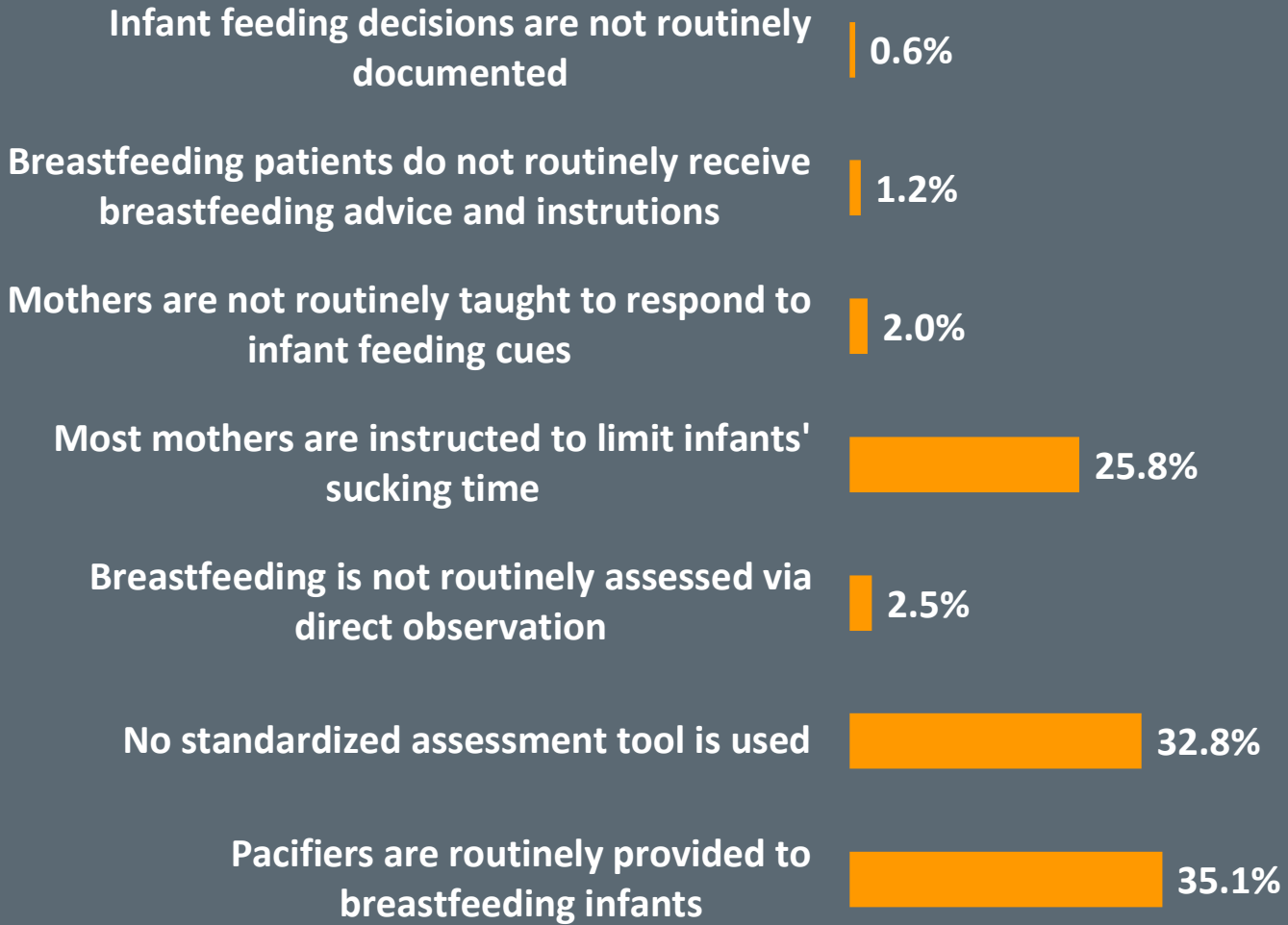




# Breastfeeding Assistance

Average score:  
84

# Although most mothers receive some kind of breastfeeding instruction, information/practices may be inappropriate



Percent of facilities reporting each practice





# Mother-Infant Contact

Average score: 74

# 24 h rooming-in is not standard practice at most facilities.

Less than half of mothers and infants room together at least 23h/day

53.3%

Mothers and infants are separated at night for >2h

13.7%

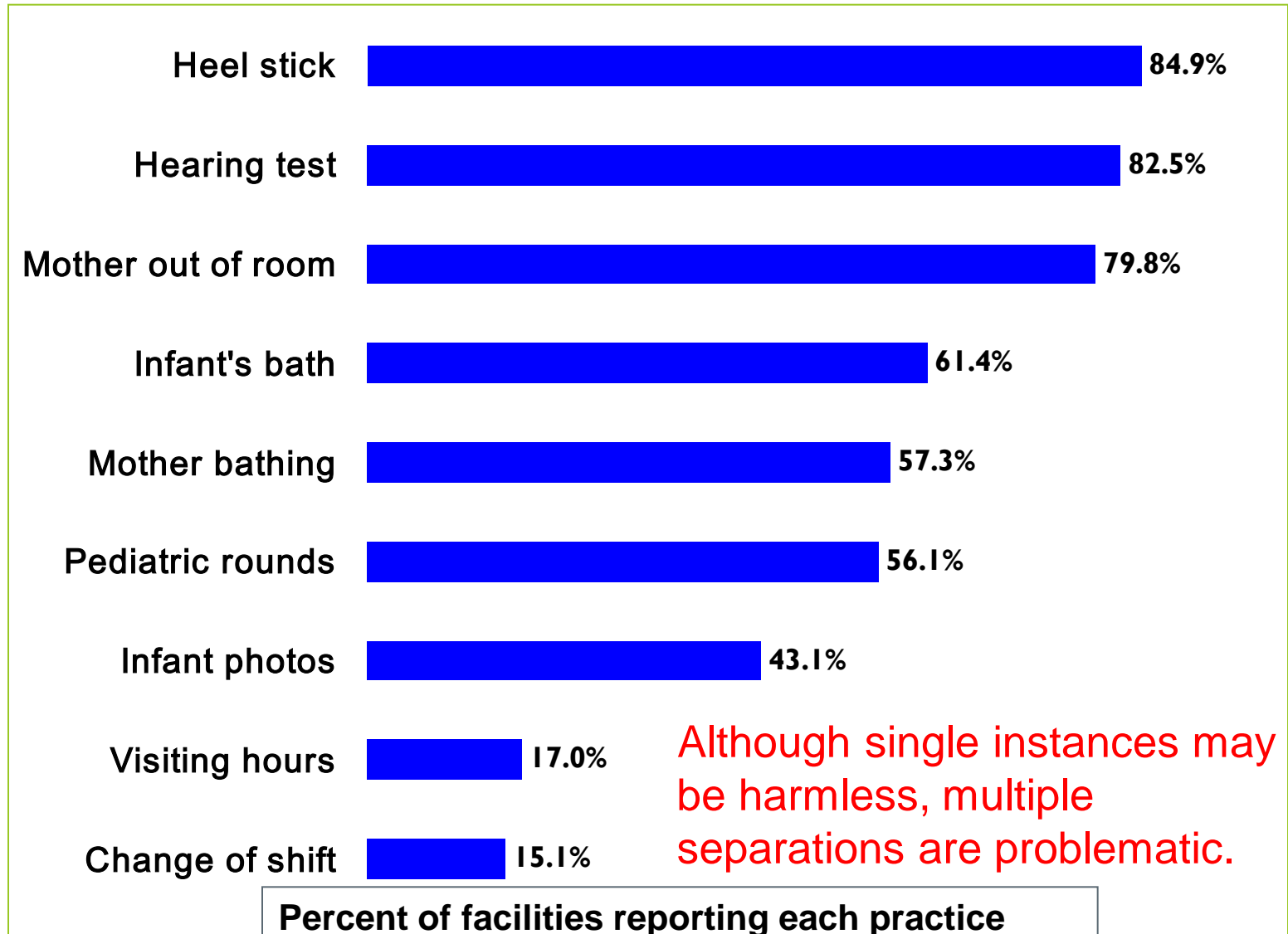
Few/some infants who do not room-in are brought to the mother for night-time feeds

3.4%

**Most separations are 2h or less, and infants are routinely brought to the mother for night-time feedings.**

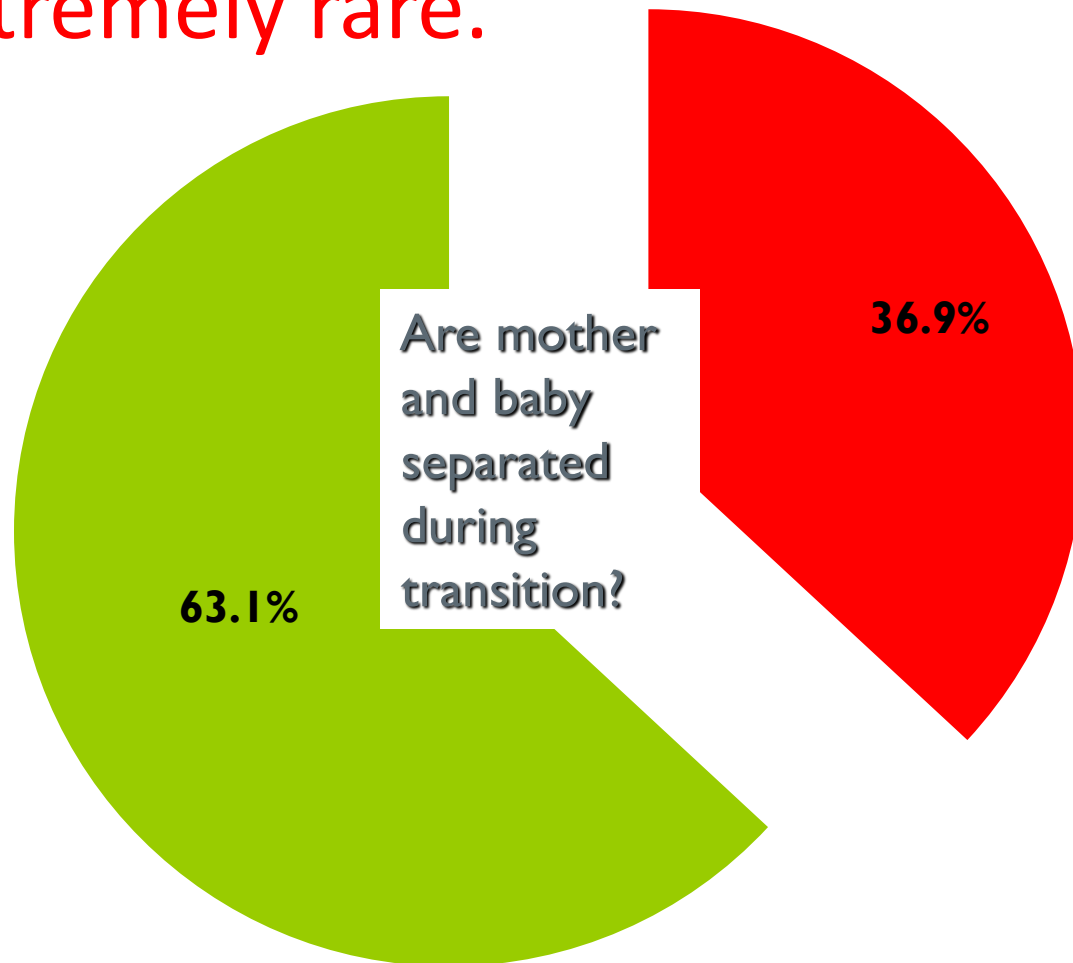
Percent of facilities reporting each practice

# Most facilities separate mothers and infants for a variety of (unnecessary) reasons.



**One-third of facilities separate mothers and infants during transition to postpartum care.**

**Medically necessary separation during this time is extremely rare.**

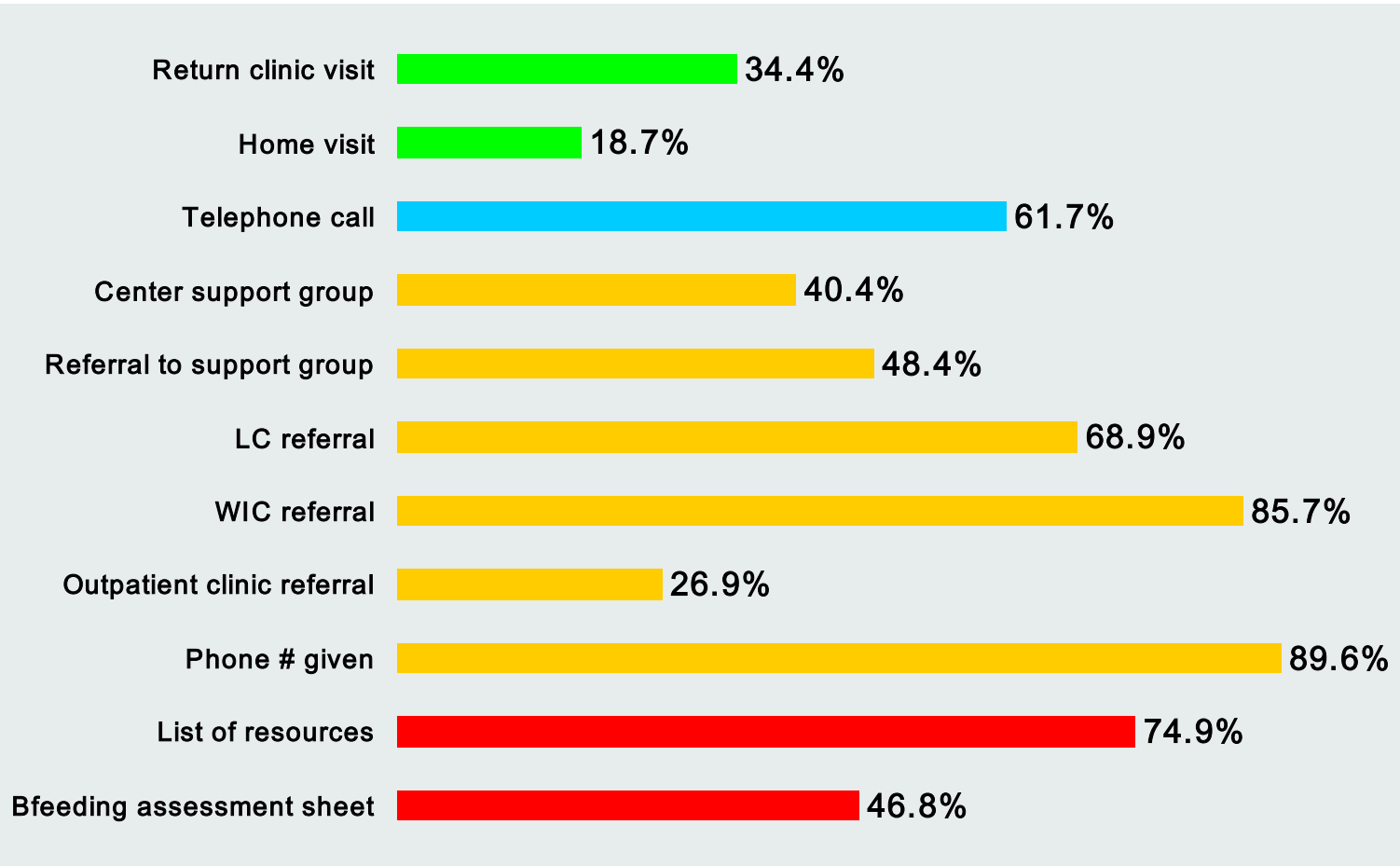


# Discharge Support

Average score: 49



# Best Care Least Often

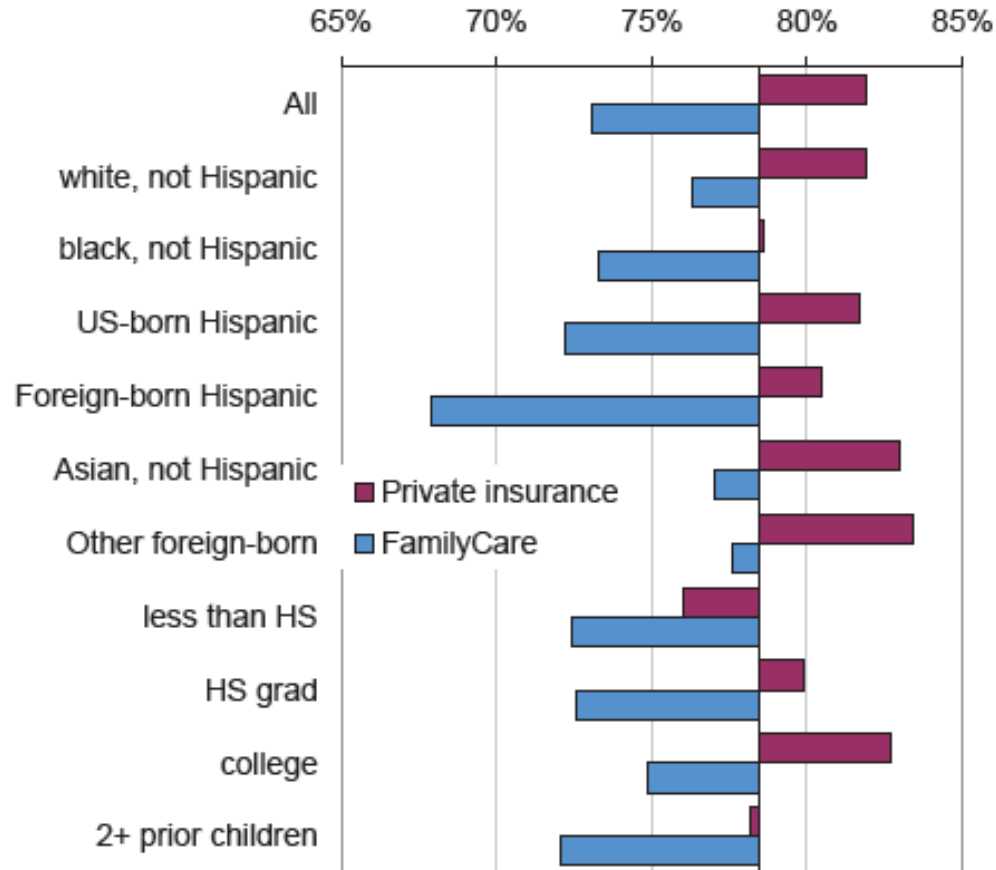


Percent of facilities providing care

Source: CDC mPINC 2012

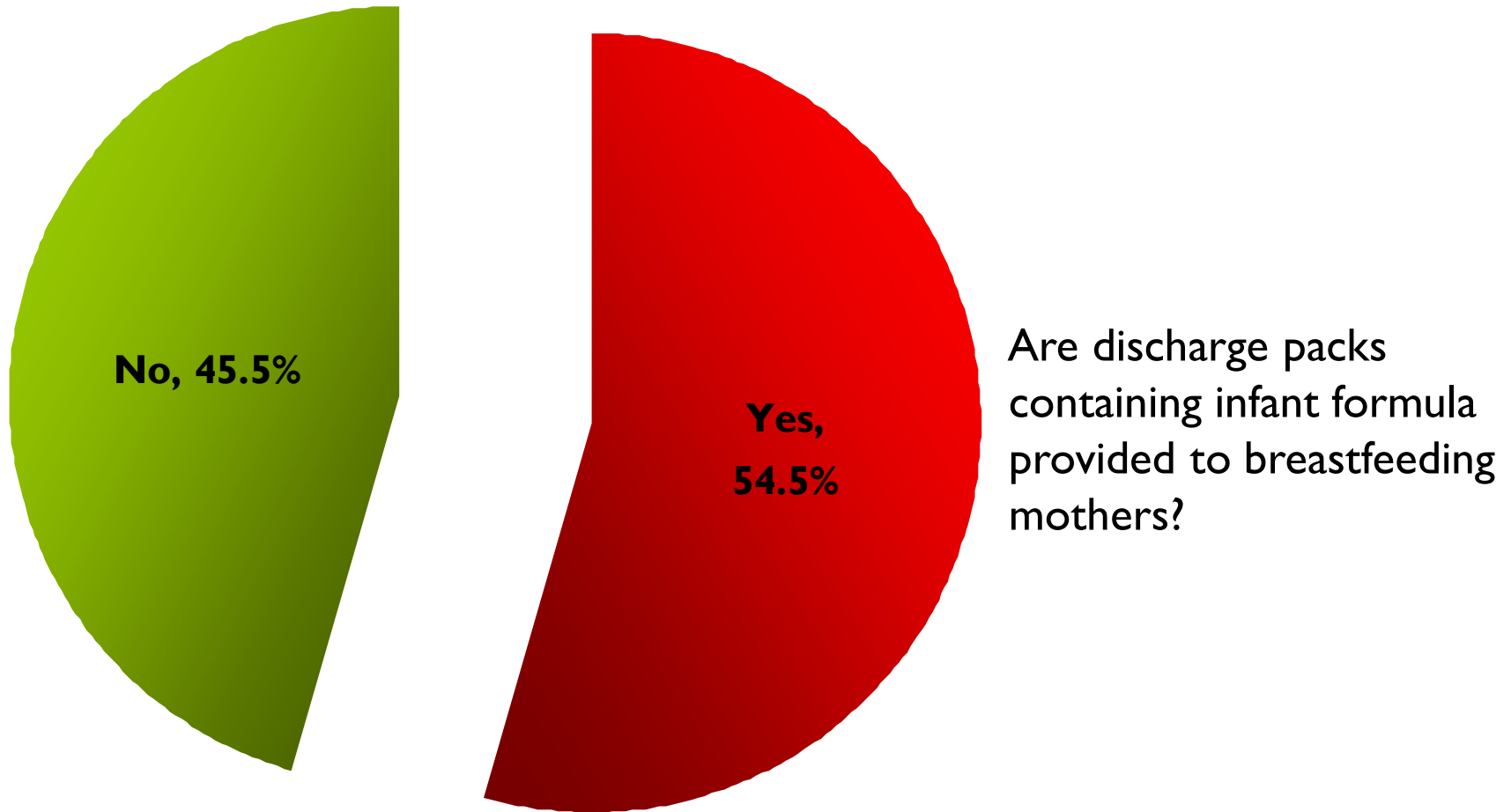
# Newborn Follow-up

Figure 1: Pediatric visit in first week after discharge,  
No NICU



Source: NJ PRAMS 2010

# Over half of facilities provide infant formula samples to breastfeeding mothers, which is unsupportive of breastfeeding



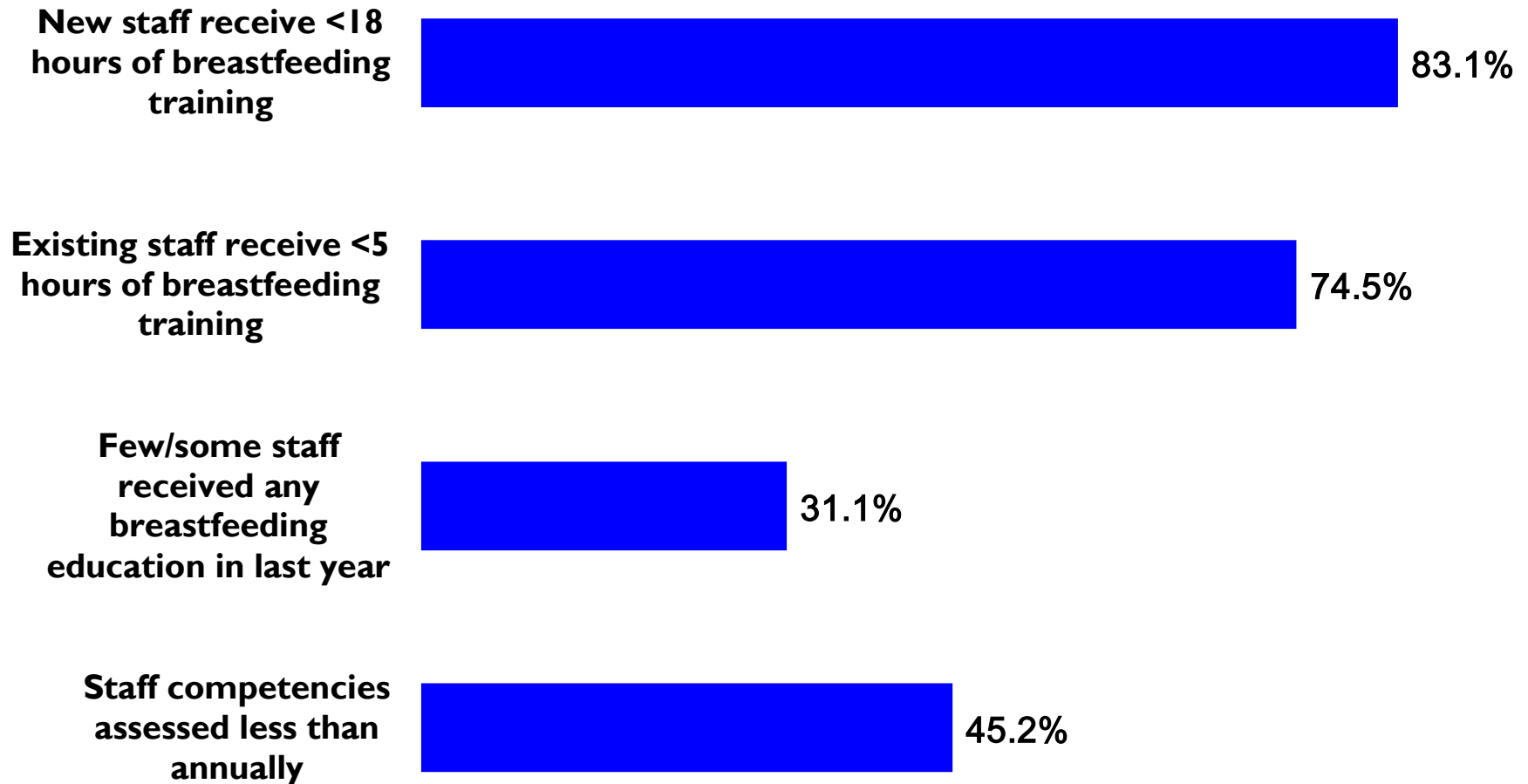




# Staff Training

Average score: 57

# Breastfeeding training and skills assessment of new and existing staff is inadequate.



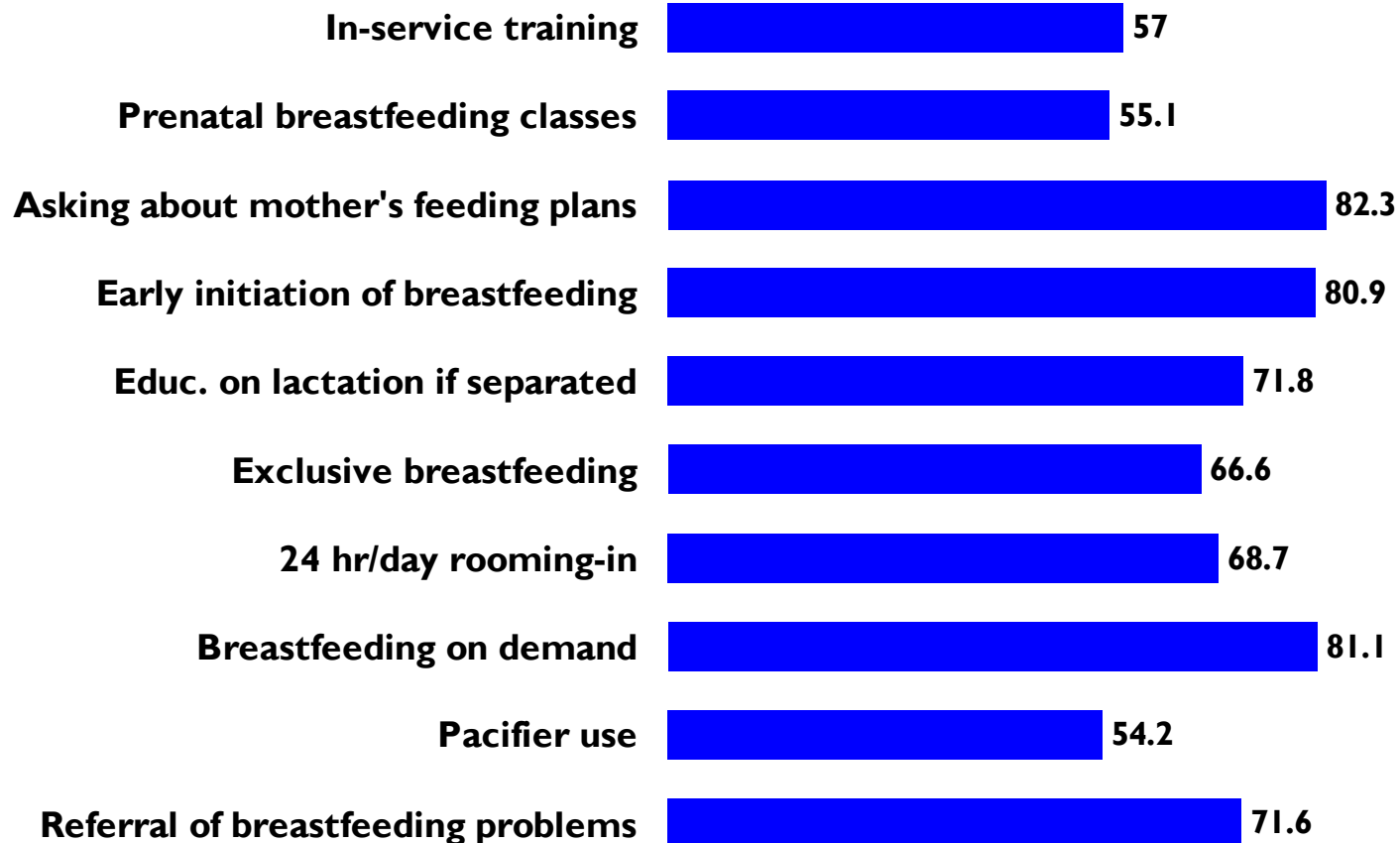
*Percent of facilities reporting each practice*

# Structural and Organizational Aspects of Care Delivery



Average score: 71

# Approximately half of the breastfeeding policies in place at facilities address the major aspects of breastfeeding support.

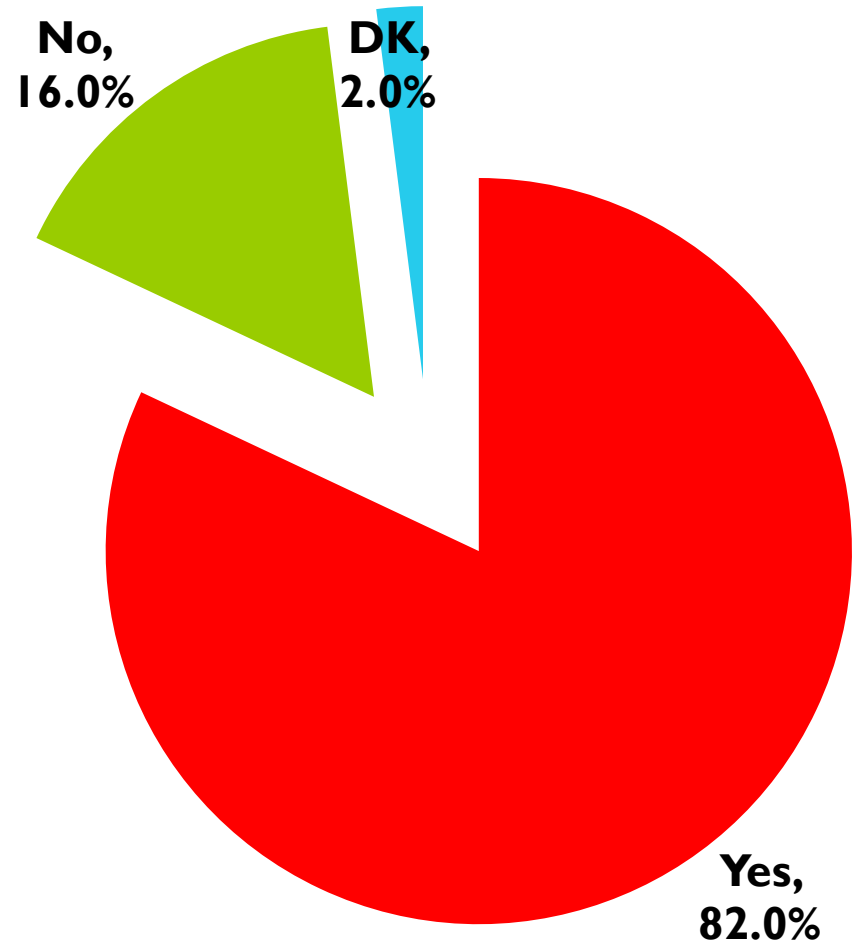


*Percent of facilities reporting each element*

Almost all facilities receive their infant formula free of charge.

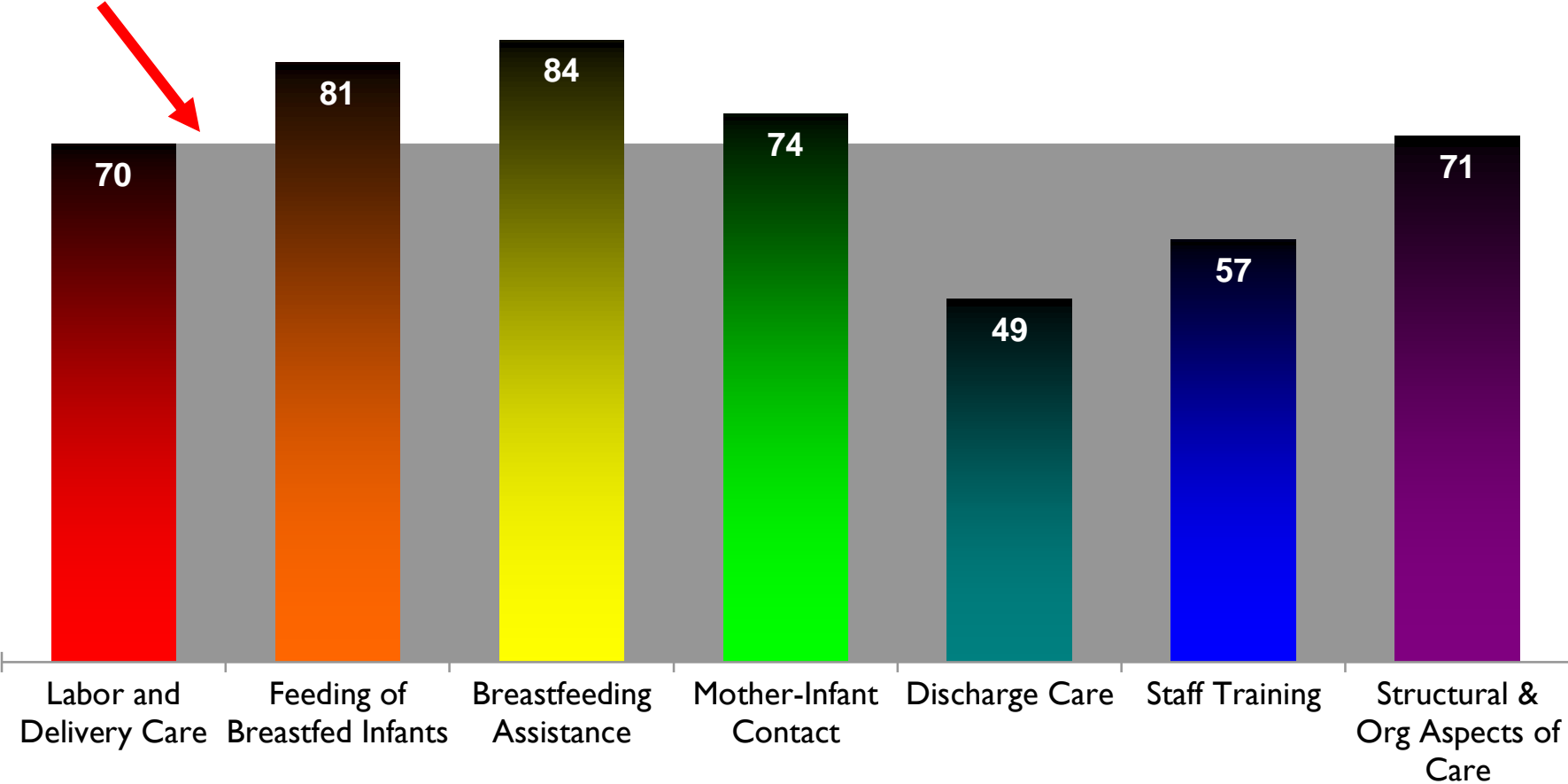
***This contradicts  
AMA policy  
recommendations and  
makes adherence to  
HACCP plans  
more difficult***

Does your facility  
receive infant formula  
free of charge?

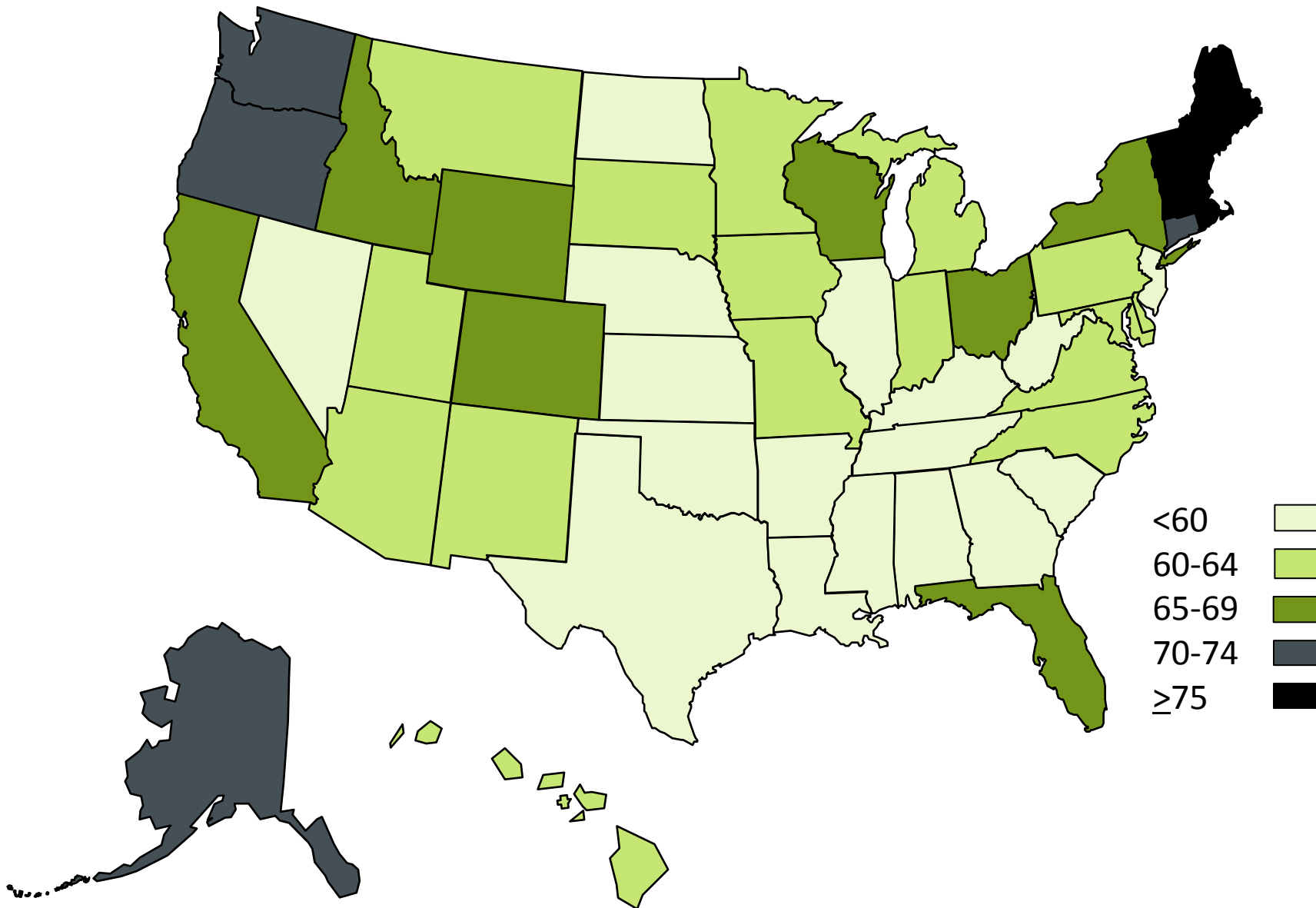


# National scores by dimension, 2011

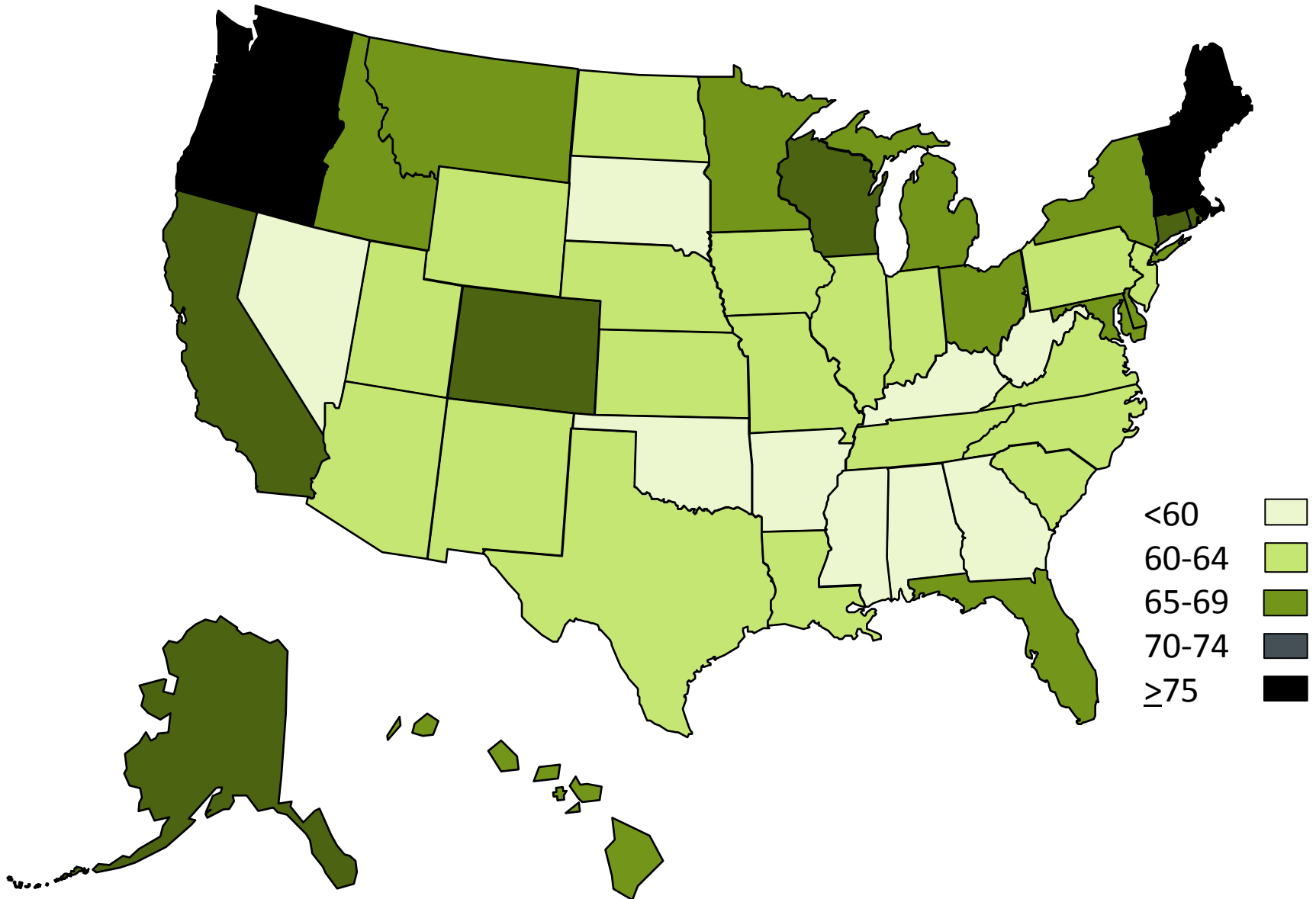
Composite Mean,  
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# Mean mPINC Score, 2007

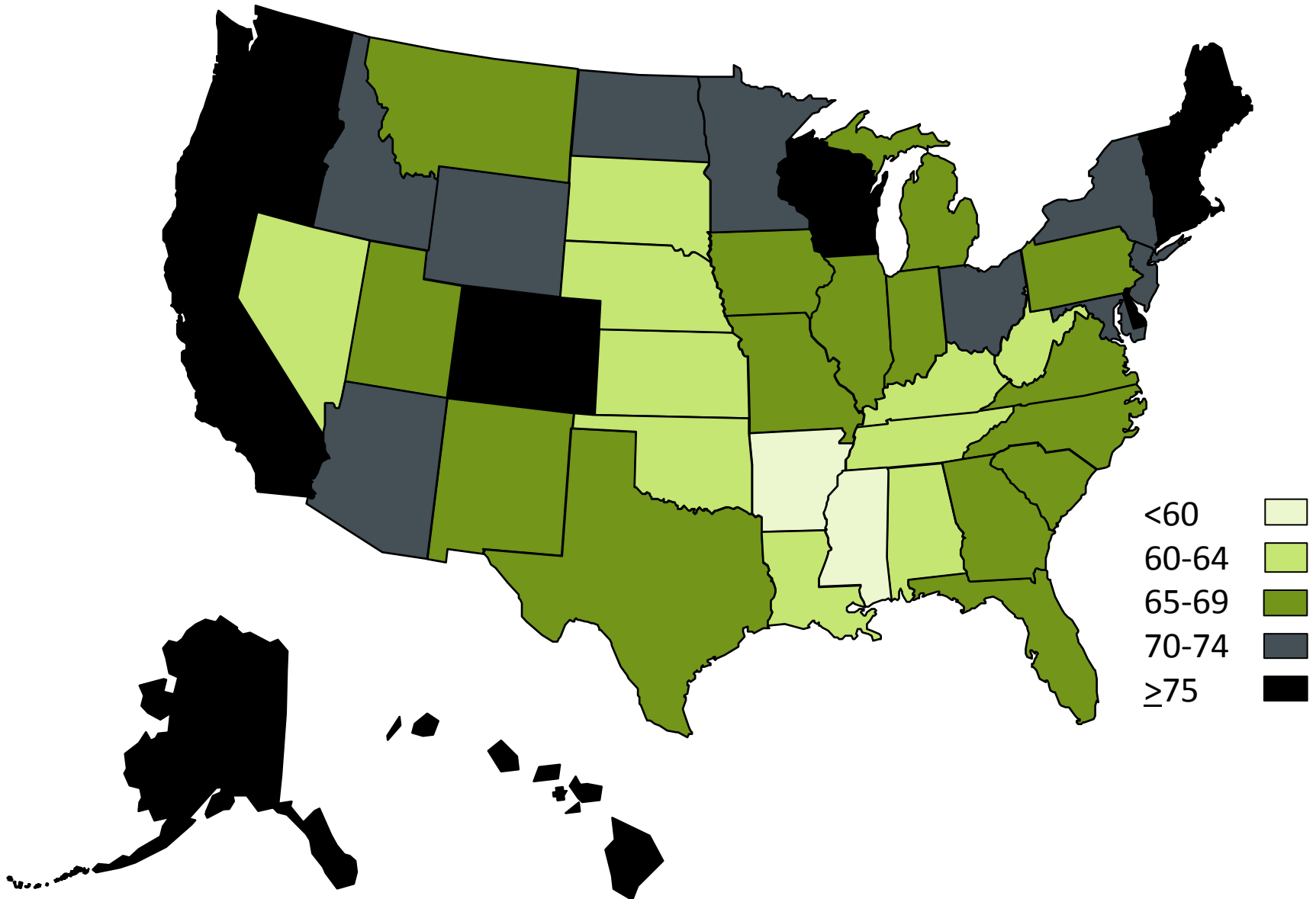


# Mean mPINC Score, 2009





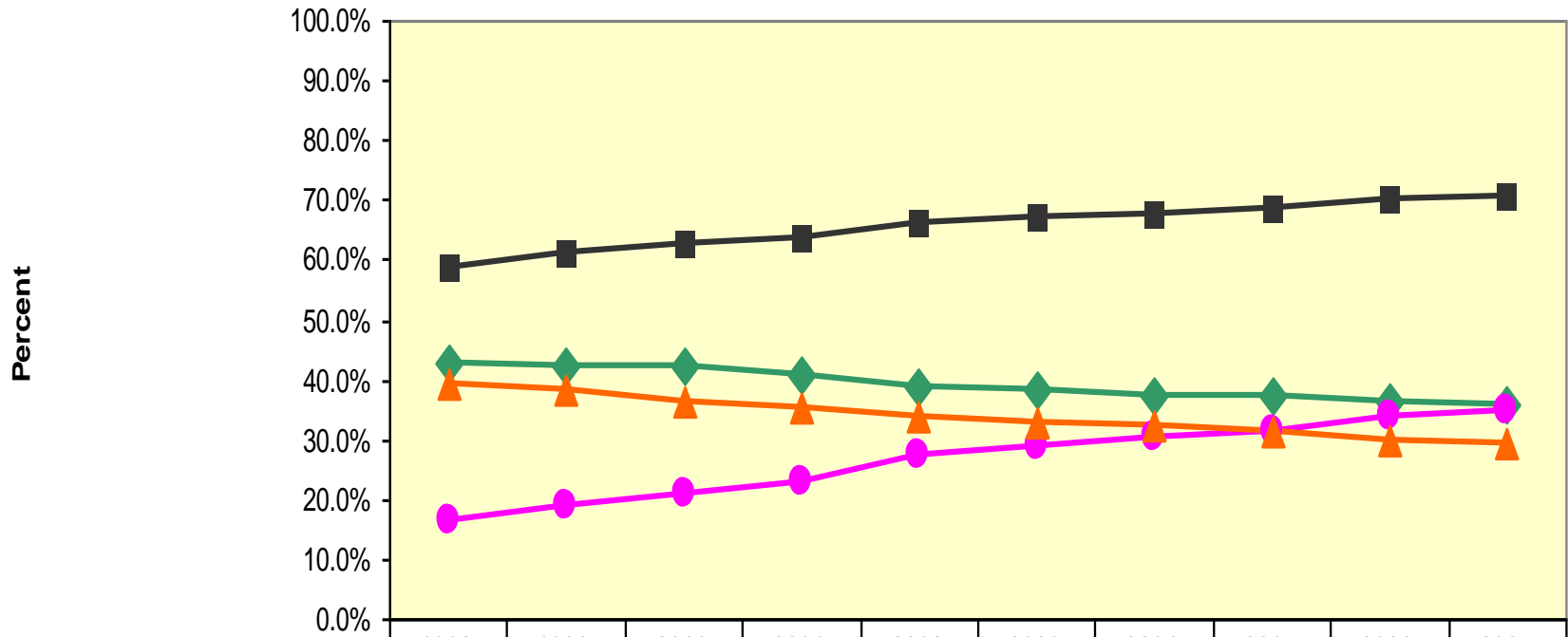
# Mean mPINC Score, 2011



# Breastfeeding Trends in NJ

## Using NJ EBC

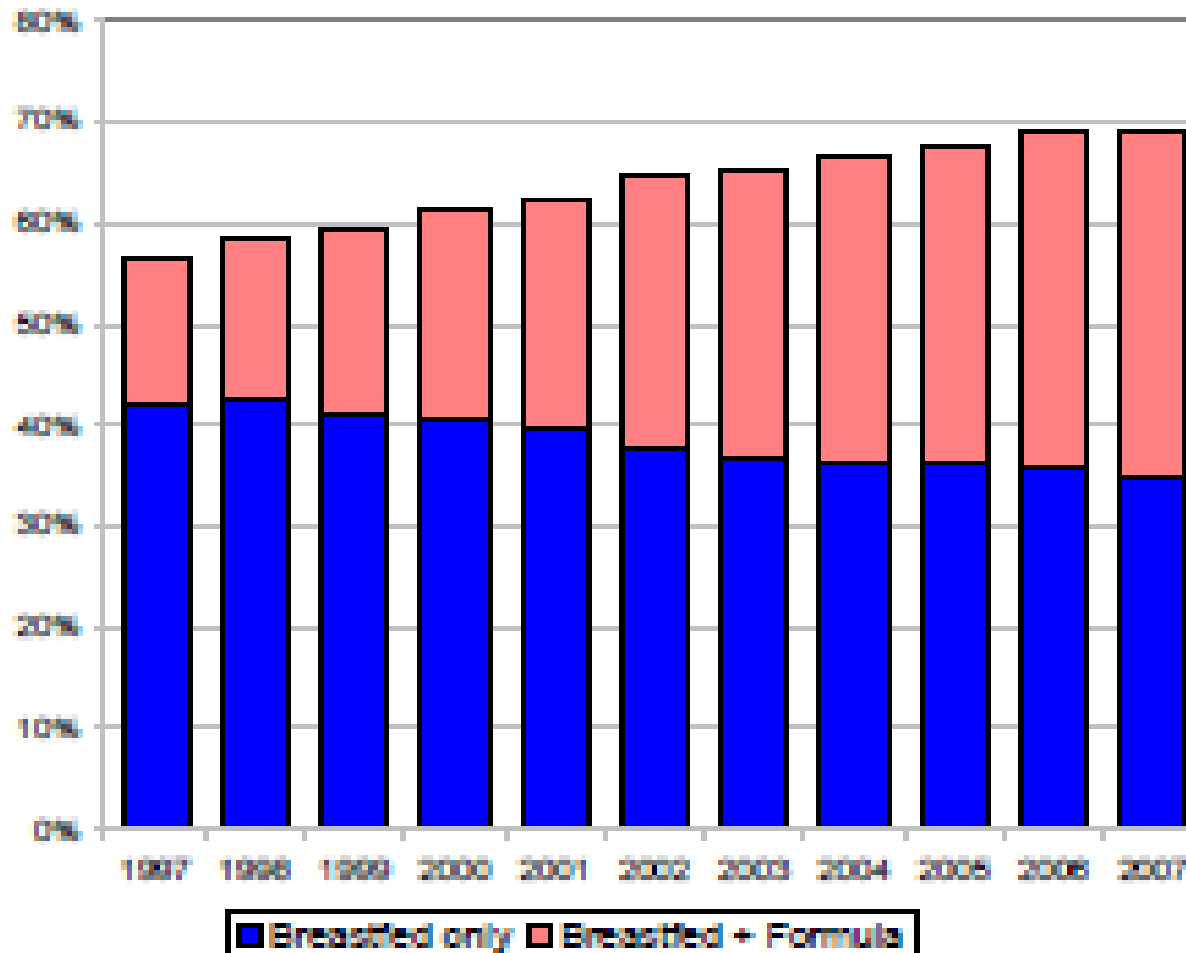
Infant Feeding in the 24 Hours Prior to Hospital Discharge from New Jersey Delivery Hospitals



	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
◆ Exclusive Breastfeeding	42.6%	42.2%	42.2%	40.6%	38.7%	38.2%	37.3%	37.2%	36.3%	35.6%
● Combination Feeding	16.2%	18.8%	20.7%	23.1%	27.2%	29.0%	30.4%	31.5%	33.8%	34.9%
▲ No BF	39.2%	38.4%	36.3%	35.4%	33.8%	32.6%	32.1%	31.2%	29.8%	29.4%
■ Any BF	58.8%	61.0%	62.9%	63.7%	66.0%	67.2%	67.8%	68.7%	70.1%	70.4%

# Trends in Breastfeeding in NJ by Hospital at Discharge

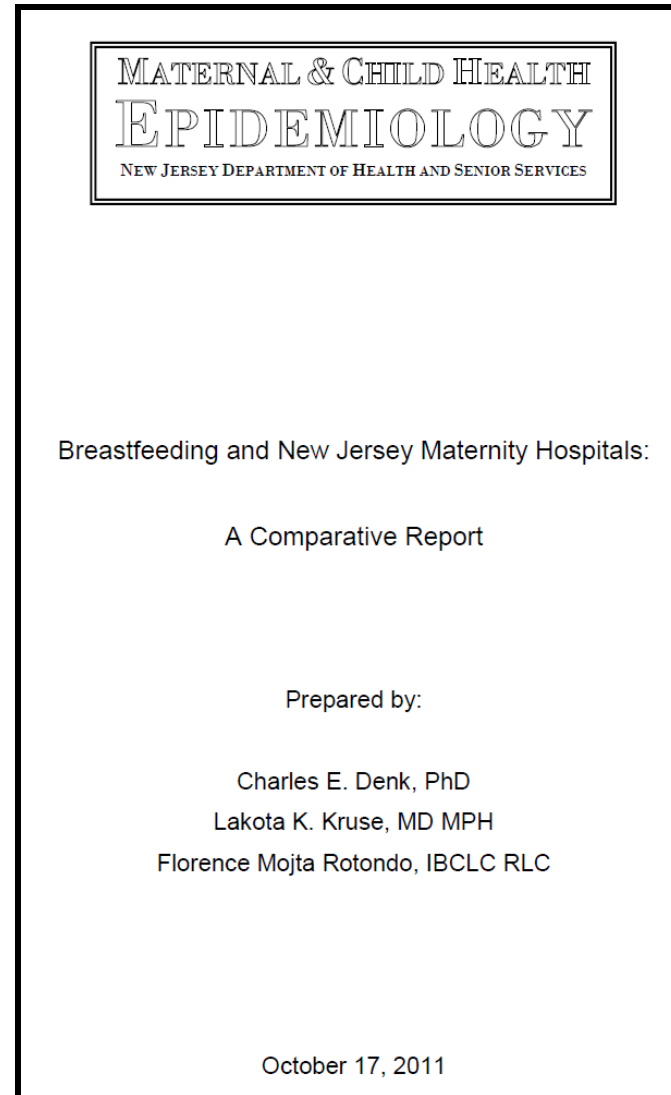
Figure 1. Breastfeeding at Hospital Discharge, New Jersey 1997-2007



# Annual Report Card in NJ

Published on line

[http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/professional/documents/breastfeeding\\_hospitals.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/professional/documents/breastfeeding_hospitals.pdf)



# Breastfeeding rates before vs. after BFHI intervention

	Healthy term infants				NICU infants				
		2010 Q 1	2012 Q 1	% change	P	2010 Q 1	2012 Q1	% change	P
Overall Breastfeeding	%	71.0	76.2	5.2	<0.0001	58.6	67.3	8.7	<0.0001
	N	4,254	4,169			1,040	830		
Exclusive Breastfeeding	%	38.6	49.8	11.2	<0.0001	18.8	21.9	3.1	0.093
	N	4,254	4,169			1,040	830		

# Conclusions

- Tracking breastfeeding data is necessary for public health initiatives
- Both outcomes & process data are necessary to inform where to target initiatives
- Despite limitations, surveillance systems are responsible for major actions taken in breastfeeding support programs
- **Collaboration is key**

