

SUMMARY

The 2004/05 study found an overall breastfeeding initiation rate of 94%, a six month duration rate of 58% and an exclusive breastfeeding rate at six months of about 10%. The factors impacting these rates are well explained in the body of the report. Of the women breastfeeding at six months, almost half of them (49%) were still breastfeeding at 12 months. When asked how long they planned to continue, many (29%) planned to stop at 13 months, some (12.4%) at 18 months and still others (14%) at 24 months (*see figure 22 on page 52*).

While this study was a follow-up to a 2000 breastfeeding survey, there are important methodological differences between the 2000 and 2004/05 surveys which limit the ability to make comparisons. As we continue to survey this population in the coming years we will be able to build on the foundation of the 2004/05 survey.