

Infants who are receiving breast milk at six months

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Outcome

All children and their families and whānau achieve their health and wellbeing potential.

Measure

Infants who are receiving breast milk at six months of age (exclusively, fully or partially breastfed).

Type

Contributory measure

Relationship(s) to other frameworks

This measure is drawn from the Well Child Tamariki Ora (WCTO) Quality Improvement Framework (Quality Indicator 14): Ministry of Health. 2015. Indicators for the Well Child/Tamariki Ora Quality Improvement Framework – March 2015. Wellington: Ministry of Health Framework available at: www.health.govt.nz

Rationale

The early years of life set the foundation for lifelong health and wellbeing. The WCTO programme is a package of universal health services offered free to all New Zealand families/whānau for children from birth to 5 years. This measure is one of a number which reflect the core roles of WCTO in promoting and supporting physical health, mental well-being, health families and whānau, and healthy home environments.

WCTO supports NZ families/whānau to protect and improve their child's health so they can grow and develop to their full potential. Monitoring health and well-being outcomes is important because it shows where services are working well (and with the wider health sector) to achieve the best outcomes for families and whānau.

Eligible population

Infants aged six months

Measure status

Active

Numerator

Number of infants breastfeeding at six months (exclusive, full or partial)

Denominator

Number of infants aged six months

National target

65%

Local target

Milestones to be decided by Alliance

Total population

Data Sources

Plunket

Data extracted from data sources

- Breastfeeding at six months = exclusive, full or partial
- Breastfeeding at six months = not null

Data availability

This measure is reported twice a year (normally in March and September) on the Ministry of Health website: www.moh.govt.nz (Search: Well Child Tamariki Ora)

Measure calculation process

Numerator and Denominator data derived from data field Breastfeeding at six months = Exclusive, Full, Partial or Artificial

1. Extract the data according to the above specification for the reporting period. 2. Divide the numerator by the denominator 3. Multiply by 100 to determine percentage.

Relationship(s) to other measures

Measure development notes