

CDC: Utah leads US for breast-feeding, 9 of 10 try

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(AP) -- A new government report says Utah leads the nation in breast-feeding with 9 in 10 Utah mothers trying it and about 6 in 10 sticking with it for at least six months.

Overall, about three out of four babies in the U.S. get at least some breast-feeding, but only a fraction continue as long as six or 12 months. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) say those findings are similar to previous CDC studies.

Western states tended to have the highest rates. Mississippi ranks lowest, with only about half of that state's mothers attempting breast-feeding.

The CDC report released Monday is based on phone interviews in 2007 of caregivers of toddlers.

More information: CDC report:

<http://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/data/reportcard.htm>

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