Growth Assessment of the Breastfed Baby: Comparing WHO vs CDC Growth Charts

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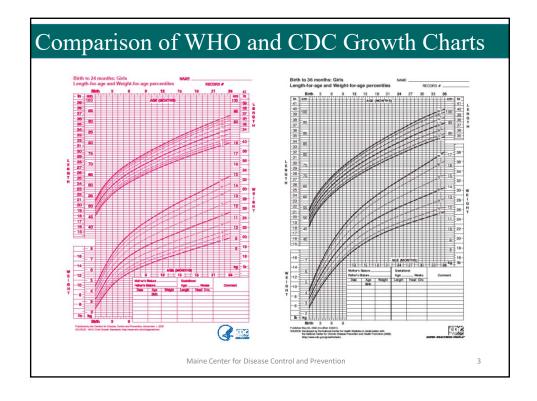


CDC 2016 Breastfeeding Report Card

	Maine	National	Healthy People 2020
Ever Breastfed	86.6%	81.1%	81.9%
Breastfeeding at 6 months	61.1%	51.8%	60.6%
Breastfeeding at 12 months	42.2%	30.7%	34.1%
Exclusive breastfeeding at 3 months	53.7%	44.4%	46.2%
Exclusive breastfeeding at 6 months	32.0%	22.3%	25.5%

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https://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/data/reportcard.htm



Comparison of CDC and WHO Growth Charts

WHO 0-24 Months Growth Charts

Data from Multicenter Growth Reference Study 1997-2003

- Longitudinal data with weight/length measurements at 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks; and 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, and 24 months
- 18,973 observations for 903 children

CDC Birth – 36 Month Growth Charts

Data from NHANES from 1971-1994; Vital statistics in Missouri and Wisconsin

- Cross-sectional data on weight/length starting at 2 months; mathematical model connects birth measurements to survey data
- 4,697 observations for 4,697 children

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WHO 0-24 Months **Growth Charts**

Exclusion criteria:

- Low SES
- Born at high altitude
- <37 wks or >42 wks gestation
- Multiple births
- Perinatal morbidities
- Health conditions affecting growth
- Maternal smoking
- Not breastfed to 12 mo. of age
- Complementary foods introduced before 4 mo. or after 6 mo.
- Weight-for-length measurements > 3 SD away from median for sex

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WHO 0-24 Months **Growth Charts**

Infant feeding:

- 100% ever breastfed
- 100% predominantly breastfed at 4 months
- 100% breastfed at 12 months
- · Complementary foods introduced, on average, at 5 ½ months of age

CDC Birth - 36 Month **Growth Charts**

CDC Birth - 36 Month

· Very low birth weight

(<1500g; < 3lbs 5 oz.)

Growth Charts Exclusion criteria:

Infant feeding:

- 50% ever breastfed
- · 33% breastfed at 3 months

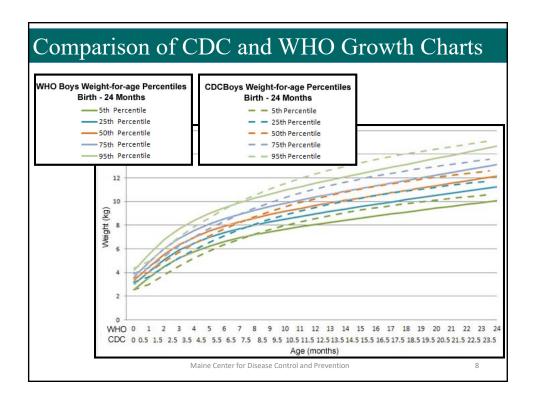
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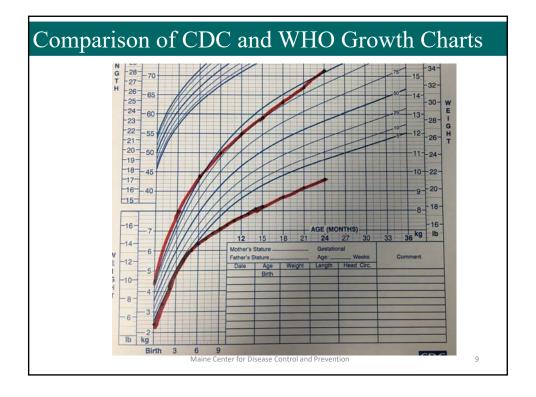
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What is considered normal, healthy range?

- WHO 0-24 months
 - 2%ile 98%ile
- · CDC Birth-36 months
 - 5%ile 95%ile

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Breastfed Babies in WIC

- · Accurate anthropometric assessment of breastfed babies
 - Use of WHO growth charts for 0-24 months
 - Length measured with two people using recumbent boards
 - Assessment based on weight-for-length
- Weight/Length measurements obtained, at a minimum, every 3 months.
 - More frequently for high risk infants
- Promote duration
 - Electric breastpump rentals
 - Breastfeeding peer counselors
- Growth charts used in conjunction with other breastfeeding assessment metrics
 - Frequency of feeds
 - Number wet/dirty diapers
 - Feeding based on cues, not clock

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Questions?

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