Table 2 Distribution of infants exclusively breastfed, by parental sociodemographic variables

Variable	No. of mothers	Exclusive breastfeeding		χ² (df)	P-value
		Yes %	No %		
Maternal variables					
Mother's age (years)				0.149 (2)	0.928
≤ 25	155	47.7	52.3		
26–30	208	46.2	53.8		
≥ 30	175	45.7	54.3		
Mother's education level				5.108 (3)	0.164
Illiterate/elementary	41	39.0	61.0		
Secondary/high school	96	53.1	46.9		
High school diploma	260	48.5	51.5		
University	141	40.4	59.6		
Mother's employment				0.924 (1)	0.336
Employed	75	41.3	58.7		
Unemployed	463	47.3	52.7		
Mother's ethnicity				0.785 (2)	0.675
Persian	297	45.5	54.5		
Azari	144	45.8	54.2		
Other	97	50.5	49.5		
Mother's return to work after delivery (months) [a]				2.723 (1)	0.256
< 6	23	47.8	52.2		
≤ 6	52	38.4	61.6		
Parity				1.174 (2)	0.556
1	299	44.5	53.5		
2	190	48.3	51.7		
≥ 3	49	51.0	49.0		
Paternal variables					
Father's age (years)				1.004 (2)	0.605
≥ 29	121	43.8	56.2		
30–35	245	45.7	54.3		
≥ 36	172	49.4	50.6		
Father's education level				5.858 (3)	0.119
Illiterate/ elementary	50	48.0	52.0		
Secondary/ high school	104	56.7	43.3		
High school diploma	237	43.9	56.1		
University	147	42.9	57.1		
Father's employment				0.722 (2)	0.697
Unemployed	19	42.1	57.9		
Government	176	44.3	55.7		
Non-government	343	47.8	52.2		
Father's ethnicity				2.745 (2)	0.253
Persian	285	48.8	51.2		
Azari	143	40.6	59.4		
Other	110	48.2	51.8		

Variable	No. of mothers	Exclusive breastfeeding		χ^2 (df)	P-value
		Yes	No		
		%	%		
Household variables					
Household income				0.186 (2)	0.911
Sufficient	131	48.1	51.9		
Relatively sufficient	353	45.9	54.1		
Insufficient	54	46.3	53.7		
Area of residence				8.691 (4)	0.069
North	51	43.1	56.9		
South	162	49.1	50.9		
East	163	52.4	47.6		
West	113	42.5	57.5		
City centre	49	30.6	69.4		

Table 2 Distribution of infants exclusively breastfed, by parental sociodemographic variables (concluded)

[a]n = 75.