

Table 1 Infant feeding among social groups, religious sects and spousal relationships

Variables	Breastfeeding ^a					Artificial feeding ^a				
	n	M	SD	t	P	n	M	SD	t	P
Sect					NS					NS
Sunni	462	6.55	6.69	0.847		447	20.65	10.04	1.29	
Shiite	136	6.0	6.62			141	19.35	11.79		
Roots					NS					< 0.05
Urban	167	6.29	7.14	-0.385		171	21.43	9.67	2.43	
Bedouin	422	6.52	6.54			406	19.61	10.81		
Spousal relationship										NS
Consanguineous	246	7.46	7.39	3.04	< 0.01	239	20.36	10.29	0.156	
Nonconsanguineous	344	5.76	6.09			343	20.49	10.56		

^aSome mothers used both artificial feeding and breastfeeding.

M = mean; SD = standard deviation; NS = not significant.