

**Table 2 Knowledge and practices of the women about breastfeeding (BF) according to residence**

Variable	Urban		Rural		Significance
	No.	%	No.	%	
Mean (SD) age of the women (years)	35.3 (9.5)		35.2 (10.5)		$t = 0.8, P > 0.05$
<i>Education</i>	(n = 2200)		(n = 1206)		$\chi^2 = 335.8, P < 0.001$
Illiterate, informal and unknown	598	27.2	645	53.5	
Primary	958	43	474	39	
Intermediate	247	11.2	54	4.5	
Secondary and higher	397	18.1	33	2.7	
<i>When to start BF</i>	(n = 2188)		(n = 1196)		$\chi^2 = 56.3, P < 0.001$
Immediately	1655	7	818	68	
Within 24 h	320	14.6	163	13.6	
After 24 h	108	4.9	80	6.7	
Other	105	4.8	135	11.3	
<i>Giving colostrum is:</i>	(n = 2191)		(n = 1199)		$\chi^2 = 69.8, P < 0.001$
Good	2095	95.7	1054	87.9	
Not good	47	2.	73	6.	
Don't know	49	2.	72	6.	
<i>Give water and sugar to jaundiced child</i>	(n = 2194)		(n = 1202)		$\chi^2 = 139.9, P < 0.001$
Yes	1172	5	871	72	
No	947	43	274	22	
Don't know	75	3.4	57	4.7	
<i>Wash hands before BF</i>	(n = 2206)		(n = 1207)		$\chi^2 = 4.9, P = 0.03$
Yes	283	12.8	124	10.3	
No	1923	87.2	1083	89.7	
<i>Frequency of BF</i>	(n = 2193)		(n = 1198)		$\chi^2 = 24.4, P < 0.001$
Scheduled	509	23	196	16	
On demand	1372	6	817	68	
Other	242	11	154	12	
Don't know	70	3.2	31	2.6	
<i>Correctly defined full exclusive BF</i>	(n = 854)		(n = 432)		$\chi^2 = 11.6, P = 0.001$
Yes	385	45.1	152	35.2	
No	469	54.9	280	64.8	
<i>Duration of full exclusive BF (months)</i>	(n = 854)		(n = 432)		$\chi^2 = 20.0, P < 0.001$
0–3	86	10.	52	12.	
3.1–6	453	53.0	183	42.4	
6.1–9	78	9.1	45	10.4	
≥ 9.1	221	25	150	34	
Don't know	16	1.9	2	0.5	
<i>Breast milk is insufficient for baby</i>	(n = 2185)		(n = 1193)		$\chi^2 = 86.2, P < 0.001$
True	658	30	518	43	
Not true	1462	6	607	50	
Don't know	65	3.	68	5.	
<i>When to start supplements (months)</i>	(n = 2206)		(n = 1193)		$\chi^2 = 30.7, P < 0.001$
0–3	313	14.2	135	11.2	
3.1–6	1748	79.2	933	77.3	
≥ 6.1	125	5.7	127	10.5	
Don't know	20	0.9	12	1.0	

Data were missing for some women for some variables.  
SD = standard deviation.