

Supplementary Material 4. Extent of missingness in variables used to construct breastfeeding outcomes, and how handled

Indicator	Variable(s) used	Population	Number (weighted %) of observations with missing data, by survey				What was done?
			2003	2008	2013	2018	
1 - Ever breastfed	m4 (ever-breastfed)	All children <24 months of age	15 (1.6%)	64 (1.5%)	22 (0.4%) [9 of 22 not alive at survey]	none	Observations with missing excluded from denominator for IND1
2 - Early initiation	v462	All most recently born	23 (2.0%)	128 (2.8%)	206 (4.4%)	147 (3.0%)	Observations with missing values coded as NOT initiating breastfeeding early.
3 - No prelacteal feed	m55z	All most recently born	2 (0.2%)	24 (0.6%)	137 (3.4%)	none	Observations with missing excluded from denominator for IND3
4 - Exclusive breastfeeding	v404 (breastfeeding at survey)	All most recently born	none	none	none	none	n/a
	v409, v410, v411, v411a, v412a, v412c, v413, v414e, v414f, v414e, v414f, v414g, v414h, v414i, v414j, v414k, v414l, v414m, v414n, v414o, v414p, v414s, v414v (all types of other liquids and foods)	recently born children who are alive and <6 months of age at survey and	12 (4.7%)	75 (7.2%)	15 (1.5%)	none	Observations with any missingness coded as not exclusively breastfeeding
5 - Continued breastfeeding at 1 year	v404 (breastfeeding at survey)	All most recently born	none	none	none	none	n/a
6 - Continued breastfeeding at 2 years	v404 (breastfeeding at survey)	All most recently born	none	none	none	none	n/a