

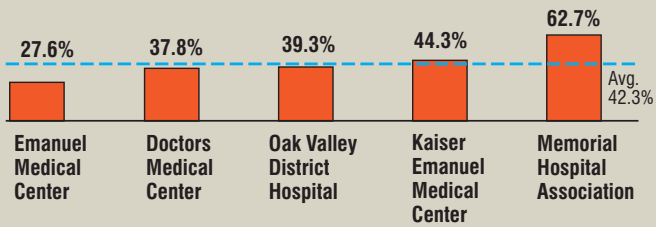
# BREAST-FEEDING RATES LOW

Even though the health benefits are well documented, only about 43 percent of California's new mothers leave the hospital exclusively breast-feeding. The rates are well below that level in some area counties.

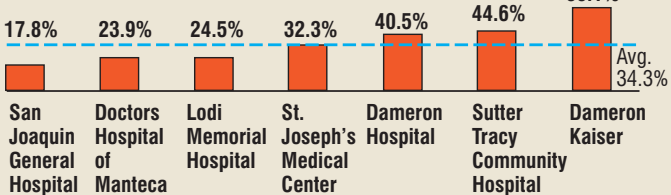
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### Exclusive breastfeeding by ethnicity

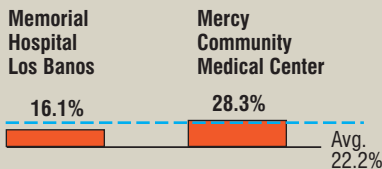
Ethnicity	Percent Exclusive	State Average
African American	32.2%	33.1%
American Indian	*	56.6%
Asian	38.7%	43.8%
Multiple race	41.2%	55.8%
Pacific Islander	*	36.3%
Other	45.0%	44.3%
White	58.7%	63.6%
Hispanic	32.8%	32.4%
Missing	*	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.3%</b>	<b>42.7%</b>



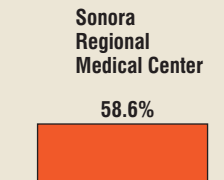
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