

**Table 2. Artificial milk feeding among studied infants attending urban and rural primary health care centres in Suez**

Artificial feeding pattern	Urban (151)		Rural (182)		Total (333)	
	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)
Ever artificial feeding	68	45.1	81	44.5	149	44.7
Age of starting:	68	100	81	100	149	100
< 1 month	50	73.4	58	71.6	108	72.5
1–2 months	6	8.8	12	14.8	18	12.1
≥ 2 months	12	17.8	11	27.2	23	15.4
Reasons for artificial feeding:						
Infant not gaining weight	15	22.1	20	24.7	35	23.5
Twin baby	15	22.1	20	24.7	35	23.5
Insufficient maternal milk	15	22.1	18	22.2	33	22.1
Infant illness	13	19.1	13	16.1	26	17.4
Mother's illness	4	5.8	5	6.2	9	6.0
Baby refused to breastfeed	4	5.8	4	4.9	8	5.4
Mother going work	2	3.0	1	1.2	3	2.1
Source for artificial feeding:						
Primary health centre	13	19.1	18	22.2	31	20.8
Pharmacy	48	70.6	46	56.8	94	63.1
Primary health centre and pharmacy	7	10.3	17	21.0	24	16.1