

Table 1. Sample characteristics (n = 2632)

| Characteristic | No. (%) | Median (SD) | Min–Max |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sex | | | |
| Male | 1307 (49.7%) | | |
| Female | 1325 (50.3%) | | |
| Governorate | | | |
| North | 511 (19.4%) | | |
| Gaza | 920 (35%) | | |
| Middle | 376 (14.3%) | | |
| Khanyounis | 503 (19.1%) | | |
| Rafah | 322 (12.2%) | | |
| Refugee status | | | |
| Refugee | 1744 (66.3%) | | |
| Not a refugee | 888 (33.7%) | | |
| Family size (persons) | | | |
| | | 6 (2.11) | 3–15 |
| 1–4 | 625 (23.7%) | | |
| 5–8 | 1560 (59.3%) | | |
| ≥ 9 | 447 (17%) | | |
| Mother's employment status | | | |
| Working | 191 (7.3%) | | |
| Housewife | 2441 (92.7%) | | |
| Father's employment status | | | |
| Working | 2241 (85.2%) | | |
| Not working | 391 (14.8%) | | |
| Educational level | | | |
| Illiterate or read and write only | 0 (0%) | | |
| Primary school | 806 (30.6%) | | |
| Secondary school | 813 (30.9%) | | |
| Above secondary school | 1013 (38.5%) | | |
| Number of siblings (persons) | | | |
| 1–3 | 1144 (43.5%) | 4 (2.11) | |
| 4–6 | 1041 (39.5%) | | |
| ≥ 7 | 449 (17%) | | |
| Birth weight (kg) | | 3.30 (0.29) | 2.55–3.90 |
| Birth length (cm) | | 50.0 (1.84) | 45.50–53.50 |
| Gestational age (weeks) | | | |
| 38 | 584 (22.2%) | 39 (0.93) | |
| 39 | 774 (29.4%) | | |
| 40 | 1016 (38.6%) | | |
| 41 | 258 (9.8%) | | |
| Age breastfeeding stopped (months) | | | |
| 6–8.9 | 696 (26.4%) | 10 (2.31) | 6–18 |
| 9–11.9 | 1304 (49.6%) | | |
| 12–14.9 | 474 (18%) | | |
| 15–17.9 | 152 (5.8%) | | |
| ≥ 18 | 6 (0.2%) | | |

SD = standard deviation.