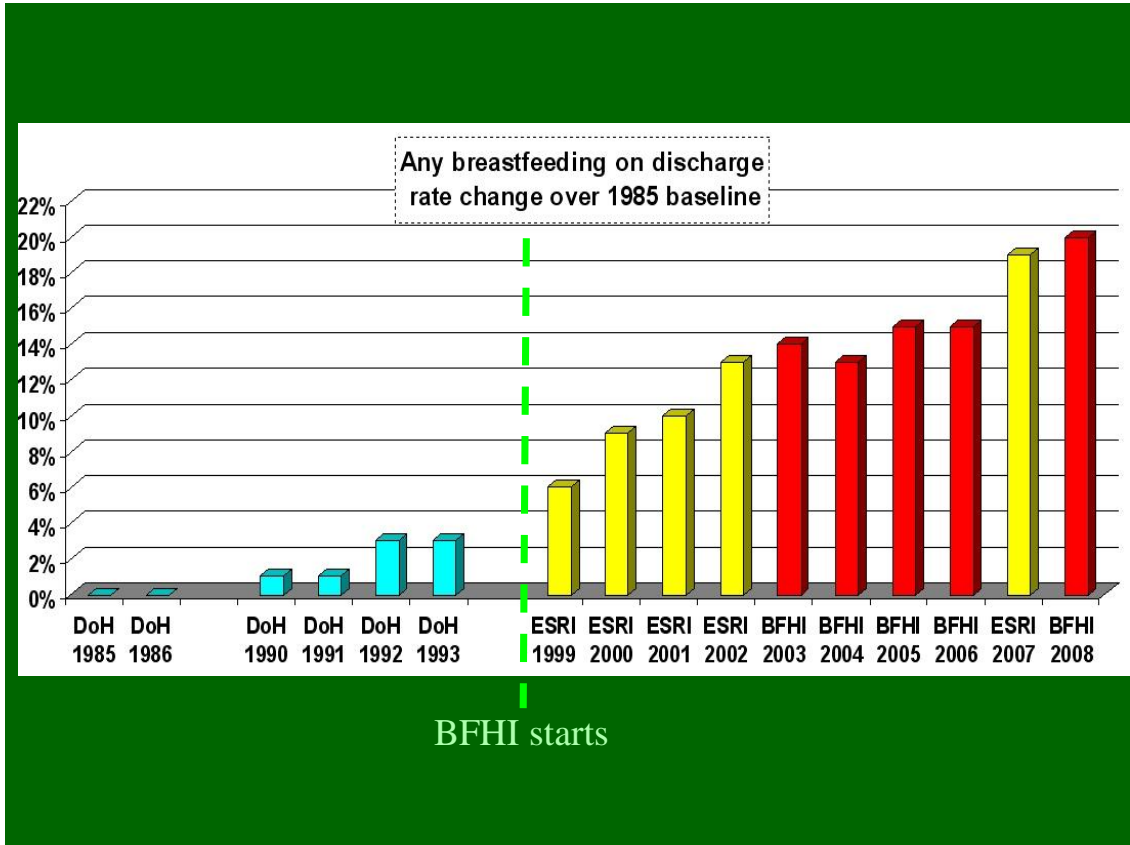


Breastfeeding Rates on Discharge from maternity unit

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1985 is taken as the baseline when the breastfeeding rate on discharge was 31% according to the national statistics from the Department of Health. This graph represents the change from that baseline with data from the Department of Health (not all years were published), selected years the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) which took on the role of collecting Perinatal Statistics in 1999, and selected years from the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative in Ireland data.

http://www.esri.ie/health_information/nprs/

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