

SASKATCHEWAN Infant Formula Program

January 2013 - March 2017

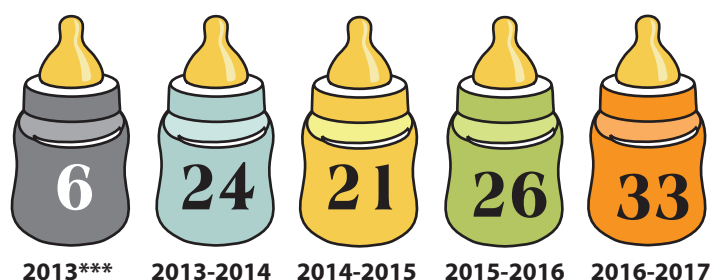
Breastfeeding increases the risk of transmission of HIV from mother to infant.

The Canadian Pediatric Society recommends that all women who are HIV positive use infant formula and not breastfeed their babies¹.

The cost of formula can be a financial burden. In January 2013, the Saskatchewan Infant Formula Program was created. Infants born to women who are HIV positive qualify for free infant formula until their first birthday.

Since the program began, 110 infants born to women living with HIV have qualified and benefitted from the Saskatchewan Infant Formula Program.

Number of infants who joined the program
by fiscal year (April 1 - March 31)*



The program is coordinated by Infant Formula Program Coordinators who provide support to the entire province, including on and off-reserve locations.

For more information on the Infant Formula Program policy and procedures, go to www.skshiv.ca.

Annual funding for the Infant Formula Program is provided by the Ministry of Health and is administered by the Saskatchewan Prevention Institute.

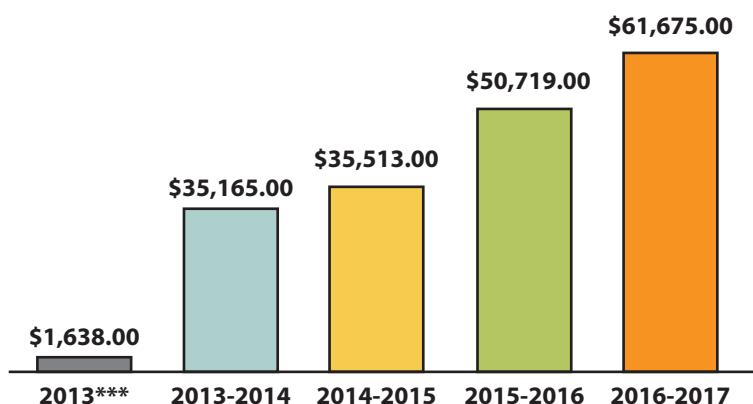


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PROGRAM EXPENSES

All program funds go towards the purchase of formula.**



¹ Noni E MacDonald; Canadian Paediatric Society, Infectious Diseases and Immunization Committee. Maternal infectious diseases, antimicrobial therapy or immunizations: Very few contraindications to breastfeeding. 2016.

<http://www.cps.ca/documents/position/maternal-infectious-diseases-breastfeeding>

* This number does not include infants who carried over from the previous fiscal year.

** Annual program costs vary due to the number of infants, infant needs, and type of formula required.

*** January-March 2013 only.