Abstract
This objective of this research is to understand the socioeconomic profile of the milk donors at the Human Milk Bank of the University Hospital of Londrina, Paraná State (BLH/HUL). It is a cross-sectional study in which data was collected by means of a questionnaire applied to the external donors of the BLH/HUL, between June and August of 2005. It was observed that 11.0% are adolescents. According to the study, 41.8% have at least some high school education. According to the literature, the higher the educational level of the donors, the more information they are able to absorb through orientations and campaigns on breastfeeding. Of the total, 37.4% had received information on breast milk donation and the services offered by the BLH/HUL from the health professionals. The knowledge of the donors’ profile will allow the HU/Londrina Human Milk Bank to direct information on milk donation at the local and regional levels, thus optimizing the work it performs.

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