

Number and percent of infants placed on back to sleep  
by select sociodemographic characteristics: NYC PRAMS, 2008\*

Research shows that infants are safest sleeping on their backs.\*\*

Characteristic	Number	Percent	95% CI
<b>Overall</b>			
All NYC mothers, 2008	48,976	57.5	53.5 - 61.4
<b>Age</b>			
19 and under***	2,211	49.2	32.1 - 66.5
20 to 24	8,434	48.8	39.9 - 57.7
25 to 34	25,336	56.7	51.2 - 62.1
35 and over	12,995	69.5	61.3 - 76.6
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>			
White non-Hispanic	17,397	74.0	66.9 - 80.0
Black non-Hispanic	7,626	46.7	37.9 - 55.7
Hispanic	15,244	50.7	43.9 - 57.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	6,546	54.3	43.2 - 64.9
<b>Education</b>			
Less than high school	8,453	42.8	34.6 - 51.5
High school	10,961	52.5	44.2 - 60.6
More than high school	29,391	66.3	61.0 - 71.2
<b>Insurance before pregnancy</b>			
No insurance	12,793	51.8	44.1 - 59.5
Medicaid	10,536	50.3	42.2 - 58.4
Other insurance	25,630	65.4	59.7 - 70.7
<b>Nativity</b>			
Foreign born	26,313	55.2	49.7 - 60.6
US born	22,647	60.4	54.5 - 66.1
<b>Borough of residence</b>			
Bronx	7,131	46.6	37.4 - 56.1
Brooklyn	17,294	57.1	50.3 - 63.7
Manhattan	9,278	68.9	59.1 - 77.2
Queens	12,666	57.4	49.3 - 65.0
Staten Island***	2,606	64.8	46.5 - 79.6

\* Notes.

1. PRAMS Question #57: How do you most often lay your baby down to sleep now?

Answers:

- On his or her side
- On his or her back
- On his or her stomach

2. Totals for each category may not equal overall total due to missing data or rounding.

3. Data are weighted and are based on responses of 1,034 NYC women giving birth in 2008.

\*\*See A Parent's Guide to Safe Sleep, from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

<http://www.healthychildcare.org/pdf/SIDSparentsafesleep.pdf>

\*\*\* estimate based on <60 respondents and may not be reliable.