

Number and percent of infants sleeping in bed with others (bedsharing)
by select sociodemographic characteristics: NYC PRAMS, 2004-2005*

Research shows that infants are safest sleeping alone in a crib, cradle, or bassinet.**

Characteristic	Number	Percent	95% CI
Overall	62,111	48.5	45.5 - 51.5
Age			
≤19	5,092	56.7	44.8 - 67.8
20-24	15,131	54.0	47.4 - 60.4
25-34	30,510	46.5	42.4 - 50.7
≥35	11,379	44.7	38.2 - 51.4
Race			
White non-Hispanic	14,298	38.8	33.5 - 44.4
Black non-Hispanic	17,809	59.7	53.5 - 65.5
Hispanic	21,669	45.6	40.8 - 50.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	7,977	60.4	50.6 - 69.4
Education			
<12 years	13,421	49.1	42.4 - 55.8
12 years	20,347	49.0	43.6 - 54.5
>12 years	28,144	47.7	43.4 - 51.9
Insurance Status Before Pregnancy			
No insurance	20,396	54.2	48.6 - 59.7
Medicaid	14,983	44.5	38.7 - 50.4
Other insurance	26,180	47.0	42.5 - 51.5
Country of Birth			
US born (Includes Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands)	24,576	44.8	40.3 - 49.4
Foreign born	36,789	50.9	46.9 - 54.9
Borough of Residence			
Bronx	8,825	48.3	40.7 - 56.1
Brooklyn	24,187	49.8	44.9 - 54.6
Manhattan	10,557	49.4	42.3 - 56.6
Queens	15,973	47.3	41.3 - 53.4
Staten Island	2,571	42.1	29.6 - 55.6

* Notes.

1. PRAMS Question #58: "How often does your new baby sleep in the same bed with you or anyone else?"

Answers:

Always

Often

Sometimes

Rarely

Never

Women who reported their infant "sometimes", "often", or "always" slept with others were counted as bedsharing.

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

3. Data represent NYC resident births from July to December 2004 and May to December 2005.

Data are weighted and are based on responses of 1,796 women giving birth in these time periods.

**See [A Parent's Guide to Safe Sleep](#) from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

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