## Prevalence of infants who were put to sleep on their backs, stomach, or side and how often infants slept in the same bed as someone else

## Source: 2004-2011 PRAMS Data

Quick Facts:

- Only 61.1% of infants in West Virginia were put to sleep on their backs in 2004 compared to 75.8% in 2011.
- Nearly 16% of infants were placed on their stomachs to sleep in 2004 and 8% in 2011, with 21.2% placed on their side in 2004 and 12.2% in 2011.
- In 2004, 13.7% of infants always slept in the same bed as someone else, but the percentage was reduced to 8% in 2011. Nearly 35% of infants slept in the same bed as someone else in 2004, and 45.6% in 2011.
- Infants who sleep in an adult bed are 40 times more likely to die from accidental suffocation than those who sleep alone in their own cribs or bassinets.
- Placing infants on their backs to sleep in their own crib is the safest sleeping environment.



