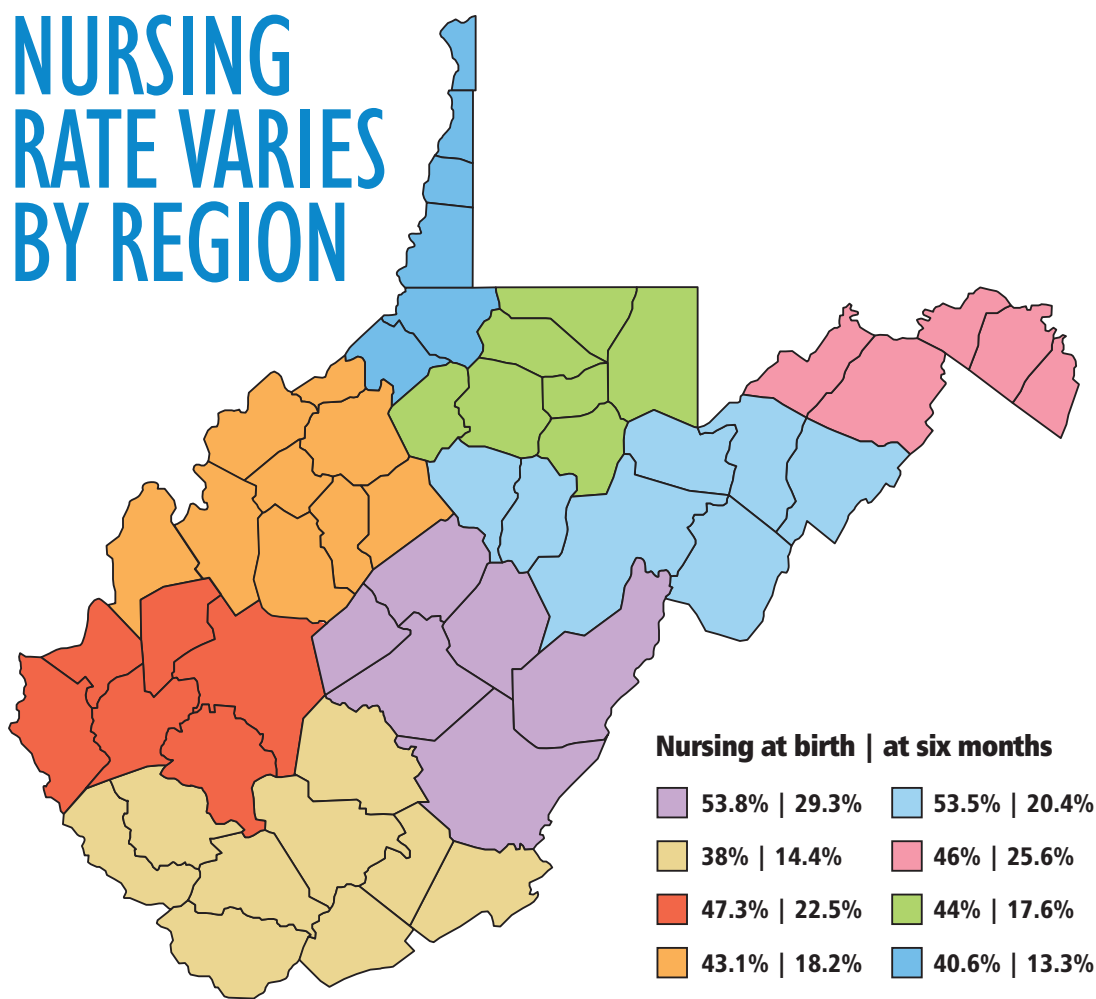


NURSING RATE VARIES BY REGION



Women are more likely to nurse their babies in some regions of West Virginia than others. Women who live in central West Virginia, the Randolph/Elkins area and the eastern panhandle are most likely to nurse. Women who live in the coalfields or the Wheeling-Ohio regions are least likely to nurse. Child obesity and adult chronic disease are generally more prevalent in the “least likely” counties.

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SOURCE: West Virginia Women Infants and Children program, West Virginia University CARDIAC program, WV Behavioral Risk Factor Survey System.