

Table 2. Estimated annual contraceptive failure rates (%), by method and age-group

Method	Age-group	
	15–19	15–44
Oral contraceptives	5.9	5.0
Implant	0.3	0.3
Injectable	0.4	0.3
Diaphragm	23.7	20.0
Male condom	16.6	14.0
Female condom	24.8	21.0
Sponge	26.4	33.3
Spermicides	30.7	26.0
Cervical cap	26.4	33.3
Withdrawal	22.5	19.0
Periodic abstinence	29.6	25.0
No method	90.0	85.0

Sources: **Women aged 15–44**—J. Trussell, “Contraceptive Efficacy,” in R.A. Hatcher et al., *Contraceptive Technology: Seventeenth Revised Edition*, Irvington Publishers, New York, 1998, in press. **Women aged 15–19**—adjusted from rates for women aged 15–44 to reflect higher risk of failure among adolescents.