

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of women aged 18–44 at risk for unintended pregnancy, by pattern of contraceptive method use in the past year, according to demographic, socioeconomic and partnership characteristics, United States, 2004

Characteristic	N	Same method	Method switch	Gap in use, not at risk	Gap in use, at risk	No method	Total
All	1,978	37.7	24.1	15.3	14.9	8.1	100.0
DEMOGRAPHIC							
Age							
18–24	490	28.7	30.9	18.3	16.4	5.7	100.0
25–34	850	38.1†	24.7†	15.5	15.8	5.8	100.0
35–44	638	47.2†,‡	15.7†,‡	11.6†	11.8	13.7†,‡	100.0
Race/ethnicity							
White	1,265	40.3	25.1	15.2	13.4	6.0	100.0
Hispanic	348	34.3	19.9	15.0	18.2	12.6†	100.0
Black	227	26.5†	25.7	18.3	17.9	11.7†	100.0
Asian/other	132	42.6§	19.1	11.3	15.7	11.3	100.0
Parity							
0	659	35.2	30.5	14.1	13.8	6.5	100.0
1	479	30.9	23.4	18.7	18.9	8.2	100.0
≥2	840	44.6†,‡	18.0†,‡	14.4	13.4‡	9.7	100.0
SOCIOECONOMIC							
Education							
<H.S.	190	30.3	21.7	12.6	17.7	17.7	100.0
H.S./GED	414	33.9	24.4	11.4	20.1	10.2	100.0
Some college	668	34.3	24.2	18.1‡	15.7	7.7†	100.0
≥college	702	45.5†,‡,§	24.4	15.4	10.1†,‡,§	4.7†,‡	100.0
% of federal poverty level							
<100	264	25.6	25.6	20.5	16.7	11.6	100.0
100–249	529	36.2†	22.5	14.7	18.8	7.8	100.0
≥250	987	41.9†	23.9	15.0	12.1‡	7.1	100.0
Don't know/refused	198	39.4†	26.8	10.6†	15.2	8.1	100.0
Insurance coverage							
Private	1,373	40.9	25.9	14.1	12.4	6.7	100.0
Medicaid	327	25.3†	21.9	19.7†	23.9†	9.2	100.0
None/don't know	276	38.4‡	18.3†	15.5	14.8‡	13.0†	100.0
SEXUAL PARTNERSHIP							
Marital status							
Married	1,207	46.2	19.8	12.0	12.8	9.2	100.0
Cohabiting	277	32.4†	29.2†	12.7	18.8†	6.9	100.0
Formerly married††	109	33.8†	20.0	14.6	20.0	11.5	100.0
Never-married††	383	27.1†	29.0†	23.1†,‡	14.6	6.2	100.0
Duration of current relationship							
>4 yrs.	1,225	47.0	19.3	10.9	13.8	9.0	100.0
2–4 yrs.	273	39.8	31.3†	12.8	11.5	4.6	100.0
6–23 mos.	157	27.9†	39.6†	13.2	13.7	5.6	100.0
<6 mos.	94	22.6†,‡	29.8	22.6†	18.5	6.5	100.0
No relationship	229	15.2†,‡,§	21.3§	31.4†,‡,§	21.3†,‡	10.8	100.0
Frequency of intercourse in last 3 mos.							
≤once a month	331	23.0	17.1	30.2	17.1	12.6	100.0
2–4 times a month	769	46.0†	23.9†	12.5†	11.8	5.8†	100.0
≥2 times a week	841	37.0†,‡	27.8†	11.1†	16.4‡	7.6†	100.0
No. of sexual partners in last year							
1	1,752	40.2	23.1	14.5	13.5	8.8	100.0
≥2	226	23.8†	29.9†	19.5†	22.8†	4.0†	100.0
Believe current partner is monogamous							
Yes/no partner	1,841	39.2	24.5	14.4	13.5	8.5	100.0
No	137	22.0†	20.2	24.4†	29.8†	3.6†	100.0

†Significantly different from percentage in the first row at p<.05. ‡Significantly different from percentage in the second row at p<.05. §Significantly different from percentage in the third row at p<.05. ††Not cohabiting. Note: Ns are unweighted.