TABLE 4. Percentage of women using oral contraceptives or condoms who reported inconsistent use, by socioeconomic and partnership characteristics; and odds ratios from logistic regression analyses examining associations between characteristics and inconsistent method use

Characteristic	Pill		Condom		Odds ratio	
	N	%	N	%	Pill	Condom
ALL	619	38.2	529	61.1	na	na
SOCIOECONOMIC						
Age						
18–24 (ref)	219	44.7	167	62.0	1.00	1.00
25–34	257	34.5	204	63.2	0.77	1.21
35–44	143	35.0	158	57.2	0.92	1.16
Race/ethnicity/nativity						
White (ref)	490	37.3	317	59.0	1.00	1.00
Hispanic, native-born	29	43.3	33	63.6	1.79	1.01
Hispanic, foreign-born	30	36.7	48	81.3†	2.22	3.19*
Black	47	47.9	82	63.4	1.45	1.04
Asian/other	22	34.8	49	49.0§	0.72	0.47
Education						
≥college (ref)	275	38.8	177	61.9	1.00	1.00
Some college	212	35.8	189	57.7	0.82	0.78
≤high school	132	40.5	163	64.4	1.12	0.69
% of federal poverty level						
<250 (ref)	265	37.4	293	66.6	1.00	1.00
≥250	354	39.0	236	54.4†	1.04	0.76
Insurance coverage						
Private only (ref)	485	39.2	338	58.0	1.00	1.00
Medicaid	65	38.5	108	70.4	0.69	1.84
None	68	30.9	82	62.2	0.49*	0.86
PARTNERSHIP						
Union status						
Married (ref)	285	34.7	256	63.7	1.00	1.00
Cohabiting	131	34.4	83	72.3	0.63	1.58
Unmarried, not cohabiting	201	45.8†	190	53.2‡	0.84	0.80
Duration of relationship (in yrs.)						
>4 (ref)	303	33.4	306	63.6	1.00	1.00
2–4	126	38.9	75	50.7	1.15	0.63
<2	122	41.5	92	72.5‡	1.09	0.95
No relationship	68	52.2†	56	42.9†,§	1.57	0.62
No. of partners in last year						
1 (ref)	530	35.1	427	60.2	1.00	1.00
≥2	87	57.5†	102	64.7	2.14*	1.89
Frequency of intercourse in last 3 mos.						
≥2 times/week (ref)	279	37.6	203	67.0	1.00	1.00
2–4 times/month	242	37.3	233	59.2	1.16	1.05
≤once/month	91	41.8	86	53.5	0.91	0.92

*p<.05. †Significantly different from percentage in first row at p<.05. ‡Significantly different from percentage in second row at p<.05. §Significantly different from percentage in third row at p<.05. *Notes:* Women who reported having used more than one method were classified according to their most effective method. Inconsistent pill use is defined as missing one or more pills in prior three months; inconsistent condom use is defined as not using a condom at each sex in prior three months or putting the condom on late at least once. Ns are covered by both Medicaid and private insurance. na=not applicable. ref=reference group.