



Contraceptive Use Among Adolescents in the United States

- Among women aged 15–19 who were at risk of unintended pregnancy in 2006–2010, 82% were using a contraceptive method, and 59% were using a highly effective method.
- Among sexually experienced 15–19-year-olds during that period, 78% of women and 85% of men reported having used a contraceptive the first time they had sex; 86% and 93%, respectively, said they did so the last time they had sex.
- In 2006–2010, the odds of giving birth before age 20 were twice as high for adolescent women who had not used a contraceptive method at first sex as for those who had.
- The male condom was the most commonly used method at first sex and at most recent sex among both adolescent men and women in 2006–2010.
- Among the 2.5 million sexually active women aged 15–19 who reported current (i.e., within the last three months) use of contraceptives in 2011–2013, 55% relied on the condom; 35% on the pill; 20% on withdrawal; 8% on the injectable, patch or ring; and 3% on the IUD.
- In 2006–2010, 20% of sexually active females aged 15–19 and 34% of sexually active males the same age reported having used both the condom and a hormonal method the last time they had sex.

SOURCES

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