

TABLE 1. Prepregnancy and postpartum contraceptive use profiles of 21 North Carolina teenage mothers, 2007–2009

Teenager	Pregpregnancy			Postpartum	
	Pregnancy intention	Method	Details of use	Method	Satisfaction with method
Rural black					
17-year-old, 5 mos. postpartum	Partly intending	Pill	Missed some pills	Injectable	Satisfied
15-year-old, 8 mos. postpartum	Partly intending	Condom	Ran out of condoms during weekend of first sex	Pill	Planning to switch to IUD; safer and easier
16-year-old, 11 mos. postpartum	Not intending	Pill	Missed some pills	Dual (injectable and condoms)	Satisfied
Rural Latina					
17-year-old, 6 days postpartum	Not thinking about it	None	No reason for nonuse	Pill	Not yet started*
15-year-old, 9 mos. postpartum	Not intending	None	Had stopped using condoms; planned to start injectable	Ring	Satisfied
16-year-old, 1 mo. postpartum	Not intending	Condom	Used consistently; condom broke at first sex	Implant	Not yet started†
Rural white					
16-year-old, 12 mos. postpartum	Not intending	Condom	Used occasionally; did not know how to get other methods and was afraid to ask mother	Injectable	Disliked shots; wanted longer term protection; planning to switch to implant
17-year-old, 4 mos. postpartum	Not intending	None	Had stopped using pill; planned to start injectable	Ring	Having some pain; planning to switch to patch
17-year-old, 6 wks. postpartum	Intending	None	Had used pills and condoms; wanted to get pregnant	Pill	Satisfied
Urban black					
16-year-old, 12 mos. postpartum	Not thinking about it	None	No reason for nonuse	Pill	Satisfied
15-year-old, 9 mos. postpartum	Partly intending	None	No reason for nonuse	Injectable	Satisfied
15-year-old, 11 mos. postpartum	Not intending	Condom	Used consistently	Injectable, then none	Not sexually active; disliked side effects
16-year-old, 11 mos. postpartum	Not intending	Condom	Used consistently, but condom broke	Injectable, then ring, then injectable	Disliked shots; had continuous bleeding from injectable; switched to ring, but it slid out; resumed injectable, and bleeding stopped; now satisfied
15-year-old, 12 mos. postpartum	Not intending	Condom	Used consistently; “maybe it broke”	Patch, then injectable	Started with patch, but heard about health risks; satisfied with injectable
Urban Latina					
15-year-old, 3 mos. postpartum	‡	None	na	Injectable	Satisfied
15-year-old, 14 mos. postpartum	Not thinking about it	None	Thought too young to get method	Injectable, then implant	Disliked side effects of injectable; satisfied with implant
13-year-old, 7 mos. postpartum	Not thinking about it	Condom	Used inconsistently	IUD	Satisfied
17-year-old, 18 mos. postpartum	Intending	None	Wanted to get pregnant	Pill, condom, withdrawal	Inconsistent pill user; uses condoms or withdrawal when misses pills; would prefer IUD, but has no time to go to clinic
Urban white					
14-year-old, 23 mos. postpartum	Not intending	Condom	Used consistently; thought too young to use other methods	Injectable, then pill	Disliked side effects of injectable; was concerned about risks of long-term use; satisfied with pill
17-year-old, 4 mos. postpartum	Not intending	Condom	Used inconsistently	IUD	Satisfied, despite a little cramping
17-year-old, 9 mos. postpartum	Not intending	Pill	Missed some pills	IUD	Satisfied

*This teenager had a prescription for the pill and was going to get it filled the week after the interview. †This teenager had a concrete plan to get an implant when she went for her postpartum visit. ‡Pregnancy resulted from sexual assault. Notes: All teenagers' ages indicate the age at which they gave birth. na=not applicable.