

**Table 3. Percentage of ever-married women protected by sterilization who ever used a reversible method of contraception, by demographic and socioeconomic characteristics and reproductive attitudes and behaviors**

Characteristic, attitude or behavior	%
<b>All women</b>	<b>38.6</b>
<b>Age**</b>	
≤30	44.6
>30	36.9
<b>Place of residence</b>	
Urban	36.2
Rural	39.6
<b>Respondent's education***</b>	
None	24.1
Primary school	30.0
Middle school	50.0
≥high school	66.0
<b>Husband's education***</b>	
None	20.4
Primary school	27.4
Middle school	35.4
≥high school	53.0
<b>Religion***</b>	
Hindu	38.8
Muslim	26.2
Christian	47.3
<b>Standard of living index***</b>	
Low	25.4
Medium	35.5
High	42.6
<b>Exposed to mass media***</b>	
Yes	41.9
No	34.4
<b>Currently employed*</b>	
Yes	35.5
No	40.2
<b>Ever had abortion or miscarriage***</b>	
Yes	51.7
No	35.7
<b>Source of sterilization***</b>	
Private sector	49.1
Public sector	36.5
<b>Respondent's age at own or partner's sterilization***</b>	
<25	33.9
25–29	40.8
≥30	45.0
<b>Respondent regrets sterilization</b>	
Yes	41.0
No	39.0
<b>Respondent approves of family planning***</b>	
Yes	40.0
No	27.0
<b>Ideal birth interval***</b>	
≤24 months	25.3
>24 months	41.8
<b>Ideal family size***</b>	
≤2 children	44.3
>2 children	32.8
<b>No. of children ever born at time of sterilization***</b>	
≤2	44.0
>2	35.4

\*p<.05. \*\*p<.01 \*\*\*p<.001. Note: See previous table on the number of missing cases for eight variables.