

**Table 2. Among 20–39-year-old men, percentage of couples sterilized and percentage whose method is male or female sterilization, by individual and couple characteristics**

Characteristic	Total	Male	Female	Characteristic	Total	Male	Female
TOTAL	24.1	11.5	12.6	TOTAL	24.1	11.5	12.6
<b>HUSBAND'S CHARACTERISTICS</b>				<b>SPOUSES' RELATIVE CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Age</b>				<b>Age</b>			
20–24	3.9	0.0	3.9	Same age*	24.3	13.2	11.1
25–29	10.1	4.6	5.5	Wife older†	30.8	9.7	21.1
30–34	22.8	8.0	14.8	Husband older†	21.4	9.1	12.3
35–39	38.3	21.6	16.7				
<b>Race</b>				<b>Race</b>			
White	26.4	13.5	12.9	Same	24.8	11.7	13.1
Black	16.0	1.6	14.4	Different	15.5	8.8	6.7
Other	15.4	5.9	9.5				
<b>Education</b>				<b>Previous marriage</b>			
<high school	20.4	4.8	15.6	Neither	21.8	11.7	10.1
High school	28.8	13.7	15.1	Husband only	26.4	12.3	14.1
>high school	20.4	10.9	9.5	Wife only	28.5	7.6	20.9
				Both	41.6	14.0	27.6
<b>Religion</b>				<b>Education</b>			
Protestant	27.9	12.6	15.3	Same level	20.2	10.9	9.3
Catholic	21.8	10.9	10.9	Wife more	33.0	13.3	19.7
Other	7.7	2.6	5.1	Husband more	27.7	11.7	16.0
None	17.9	11.2	6.7				
<b>Region of residence</b>				<b>Religion</b>			
Northeast	20.0	7.9	12.1	Same religion	26.5	12.0	14.5
South	23.6	7.1	16.5	Different religion	16.1	9.7	6.4
Midwest	27.9	15.7	12.2				
West	23.2	15.1	8.1	<b>COUPLE CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
				<b>Marriage duration</b>			
<b>WIFE'S CHARACTERISTICS</b>				≤3 years			
<b>Age</b>				4–7 years			
20–24	3.6	2.4	1.2	8–11 years			
25–29	14.4	5.1	9.3	≥12 years			
30–34	24.7	10.4	14.3				
≥35	43.8	23.9	19.9	<b>No. of pregnancies</b>			
				≤1			
<b>Race</b>				2			
White	25.9	13.3	12.6	≥3			
Black	15.5	0.9	14.6				
Other	18.7	7.7	11.0	<b>No. of children</b>			
				≤1			
<b>Education</b>				2			
<high school	23.8	8.2	15.6	≥3			
High school	24.8	11.3	13.5				
>high school	23.5	12.4	11.1	<b>Status of last pregnancy</b>			
				Intended			
<b>Religion</b>				Unintended, female method used			
Protestant	27.6	12.0	15.6	Unintended, male method used			
Catholic	21.2	10.6	10.6	Unintended, no method used			
Other	7.6	3.5	4.1	No pregnancy in this marriage			
None	23.7	17.9	5.8				

\*Within three years. †By more than three years.