

**TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of women, according to contraceptive need category, by survey, Assiut and Souhag, Egypt, 1995–1997**

Category	1995 EDHS	1996 EIS (Round 1)	1997 EIS (Round 2)
<b>Unmet need*</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>34.4</b>
For spacing	10.5	10.5	12.5
For limiting	17.7	21.3	21.9
<b>Met need†</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>28.3</b>
Using to space	5.1	5.2	5.4
Using to limit	19.2	21.0	22.9
<b>No need</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>37.3</b>
Wants pregnancy soon‡	37.8	28.1	22.7
Infecund§	9.7	13.9	14.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

\*Among nonpregnant and nonamenorrheic women, those who are fecund and want to postpone their next birth or stop childbearing but are not practicing contraception. Among pregnant or amenorrheic women, those whose current or most recent pregnancy was mistimed (unmet need for spacing) or unwanted (unmet need for limiting). †Current users who want to postpone their next birth (using to space) or stop childbearing (using to limit). Among pregnant or amenorrheic women, those whose current or most recent pregnancy resulted from contraceptive failure. ‡Among nonpregnant and nonamenorrheic women, fecund nonusers who want another birth within two years. Among pregnant or amenorrheic women, those whose current or most recent pregnancy was wanted and on time. §Nonpregnant, nonamenorrheic women who have been unable to get pregnant or who have had no birth during the five years preceding the survey and did not practice contraception during that time. Note: N for each survey sample is 2,444.