

**TABLE 5. Percentage distribution of births occurring between 1995 and 1997, by intendedness status, according to women's contraceptive need category in 1995 and contraceptive history at conception**

Contraceptive need and history	All (N=1,110)	On time (N=680)	Mistimed (N=177)	Unwanted (N=253)
<b>Need</b>				
Unmet need for spacing	17.2	16.1	33.6	8.8
Unmet need for limiting	16.5	8.2	14.9	39.7
Using to space	4.6	4.3	6.7	4.0
Using to limit	5.6	2.5	1.1	17.0
No need; wants pregnancy soon	54.0	66.7	43.1	27.7
No need; infecund	2.1	2.2	0.6	2.8
<b>History</b>				
Never-use	73.6	80.2	77.1	53.4
Use discontinued before conception				
1-3 mos.	6.7	4.9	7.3	11.0
4-6 mos.	2.9	1.7	3.9	5.1
≥7 mos.	13.6	11.4	10.0	22.2
Contraceptive failure	3.2	1.8	1.7	8.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0