

TABLE 1. Number of plateaus in contraceptive prevalence occurring between consecutive national surveys, by plateau cutoff rule and type of prevalence, according to region

Plateau rule* and prevalence type	All	East/ South- east Asia	South Asia	Latin America/ Caribbean	Middle East/ North Africa	Sub- Saharan Africa
Maximum possible plateaus	159	32	21	49	24	33
Rule of 0.1	18	5	2	4	2	5
All methods	5	0	1	1	1	2
Modern methods	3	1	0	1	0	1
Both	10	4	1	2	1	2
Rule of 0.3	30	5	4	5	6	10
All methods	10	0	2	1	3	4
Modern methods	7	1	1	1	1	3
Both	13	4	1	3	2	3
Rule of 0.5	41	6	6	10	7	12
All methods	11	1	1	3	4	2
Modern methods	10	1	3	3	1	2
Both	20	4	2	4	2	8

*The three rules refer to ways of classifying a plateau, defined by the annual percentage-point increase in prevalence.