

Table 2. Percentage distribution of women who have any interest in using vaginal microbicides, and of women who are very interested in using vaginal microbicides and are worried about HIV and other STDs, by selected characteristics; United States, 1998

| Characteristics | Any interest (N=399) | Very interested and worried (N=112) |
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| Marital status | | |
| Married | 42.9 | 18.8 |
| Cohabiting | 15.5 | 11.6 |
| Not in union | 41.6 | 69.6 |
| Age | | |
| 18–24 | 27.6 | 31.3 |
| 25–34 | 38.3 | 39.3 |
| 35–44 | 34.1 | 29.5 |
| Income | | |
| <\$20,000 | 36.1 | 54.5 |
| \$20,000–40,000 | 30.8 | 24.1 |
| ≥\$40,000 | 29.1 | 16.1 |
| Do not know/refused to answer | 4.0 | 5.4 |
| Education | | |
| High school/GED | 43.1 | 51.4 |
| Some college/vocational | 36.8 | 32.4 |
| College degree/graduate | 20.2 | 16.2 |
| Parity | | |
| 0 | 32.6 | 35.7 |
| ≥1 | 67.4 | 64.3 |
| Race/ethnicity | | |
| Non-Hispanic white | 61.1 | 47.7 |
| Black | 20.2 | 33.3 |
| Hispanic | 13.4 | 14.4 |
| Asian/other | 5.3 | 4.5 |
| Most effective method currently using | | |
| Sterilization | 23.8 | 18.8 |
| Prescription method | 28.8 | 31.3 |
| Nonprescription method | 22.1 | 25.9 |
| Pregnant/trying to get pregnant | 9.3 | 8.0 |
| No method | 16.0 | 16.1 |
| Ever used vaginal method | | |
| Yes | 43.6 | 51.8 |
| No | 56.4 | 48.2 |
| Ever had herpes/HPV diagnosis | | |
| Yes | 7.8 | 9.8 |
| No | 92.2 | 90.2 |
| Ever had partner with STD | | |
| Yes | 8.0 | 12.5 |
| No | 92.0 | 87.5 |
| Ever visited MD for STD symptoms | | |
| Yes | 21.6 | 39.3 |
| No | 78.4 | 60.7 |
| Partner had other partner in past year | | |
| Yes | 13.6 | 22.2 |
| No | 66.5 | 40.7 |
| No steady partner | 19.9 | 37.0 |
| Woman had ≥2 partners in past year | | |
| Yes | 17.0 | 29.5 |
| No | 83.0 | 70.5 |
| Use of condoms to prevent HIV/STDs | | |
| Currently using | 23.7 | 35.7 |
| Used in past | 47.5 | 54.5 |
| Never used | 28.8 | 9.8 |
| Ever reduced sexual activity because of HIV/STDs | | |
| Yes | 30.5 | 51.4 |
| No | 69.5 | 48.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Notes: For “any interest,” Ns vary between 391–399; for “very interested and worried,” Ns vary between 108–112. The margin of sampling error is ± 2.1–5.0% for “any interest” in microbicides and ± 4.0–9.4% for women “very interested and worried.” Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.