

Table 2. Among U.S. men and women aged 18–59 who had sex during the past year, percentage giving selected reasons for having used or not having used a condom at last sex, all by type of relationship, 1996 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse

| Use and reason | Ongoing relationship | Casual relationship |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Reason for using condom | (N=2,472) | (N=478) |
| To prevent pregnancy | 86.5 (84.0–89.1) | 77.3 (70.6–83.9) |
| To prevent disease | 49.2 (45.3–53.0) | 87.8 (83.4–92.2) |
| To prevent pregnancy and disease | 39.0 (35.7–42.2) | 66.5 (60.3–72.8) |
| To prevent pregnancy only | 47.6 (43.6–51.5) | 10.7 (6.6–14.9) |
| To prevent disease only | 10.2 (8.1–12.3) | 21.2 (14.7–27.8) |
| Because less messy | 19.4 (16.9–21.9) | 20.1 (15.4–24.8) |
| Some other reason | 1.7 (0.9–2.5) | 3.1 (1.0–5.2) |
| Reason for not using condom | (N=6,798) | (N=277) |
| Seeking pregnancy | 14.6 (13.3–15.9) | 9.1 (5.1–13.0) |
| Only having sex with one person | 71.6 (69.7–73.5) | 30.7 (23.4–38.0) |
| Neither of us had disease | 58.3 (56.2–60.3) | 36.6 (29.5–43.6) |
| Used another birth control method | 44.0 (41.7–46.3) | 25.1 (18.7–31.6) |
| For religious reasons | 3.4 (2.8–4.1) | 2.7 (0.5–4.8) |
| Partner did not want us to use | 11.4 (10.4–12.4) | 18.8 (12.5–25.0) |
| Condom was not available or handy | 7.7 (6.8–8.6) | 37.1 (28.4–45.7) |
| Not sure how to use condom | 2.1 (1.4–2.8) | 3.0 (0.6–5.5) |
| The sex we had was not risky | 16.4 (14.9–17.9) | 12.6 (7.5–17.6) |
| Other reason | 11.7 (10.3–13.2) | 14.5 (8.6–20.4) |

Note: Respondents could select as many responses as applied.