

TABLE 8. Percentage of women aged 15–49 currently using effective contraceptive methods, and percentage who have an unmet need for improved contraception, by year and union status, according to region

Region	In union				Not in union			
	Currently using an effective method		Have unmet need		Currently using an effective method*		Have unmet need	
	1995	2000–2001	1995	2000–2001	1995	2000–2001	1995	2000–2001
Total	8	14	49	51	26	38	10	12
Central	16	26	50	46	38	52	11	11
Eastern	6	9	46	52	17	34	13	12
Northern	3	6	45	52	7	16	5	12
Western	7	11	53	56	18	19	8	13

*Based on those who are sexually active. *Notes:* Effective methods are pills, IUDs, injectables, implants, spermicides, condoms, and female or male sterilization. Women have an unmet need if they want no more children or do not want a child in the next two years and are fecund; are married, or unmarried and currently sexually active; and are using a traditional method of contraception or no method at all.