

Table 1. Among men and women aged 20–27 in 1991 who have ever had oral, anal or vaginal intercourse, percentage who considered specific contraceptive characteristics “very important” when choosing a method, by gender, 1991

Characteristic	Men	Women	Difference
Effective in preventing pregnancy	86.4	90.0	−3.6*
Effective in protecting partner from STDs	84.0	75.2	8.8*
Effective in protecting you from STDs	83.7	77.5	6.2*
No health risks	72.0	77.4	−5.4*
Easy to use	37.1	51.4	−14.3*
Does not interfere with sexual pleasure	30.0	27.8	2.2
No need to plan ahead	27.6	44.6	−17.0*

* $p \leq .05$