

**Table 3. Among men and women aged 20–27 who have ever had oral, anal or vaginal intercourse, percentage who rated contraceptive method “very good” in terms of method characteristics, by gender**

Method and characteristic	Men	Women	Difference
<b>Pill</b>			
Effective in preventing pregnancy	66.8	75.1	–8.3*
Effective in protecting partner from STDs	4.2	3.8	0.4
Effective in protecting you from STDs	3.9	3.9	0.0
No health risks	9.7	9.8	–0.1
Easy to use	74.8	74.6	0.2
Does not interfere with sexual pleasure	76.3	82.0	–5.7*
No need to plan ahead	47.1	59.7	–12.6*
<b>Condom</b>			
Effective in preventing pregnancy	46.3	29.3	17.0*
Effective in protecting partner from STDs	48.5	48.5	0.0
Effective in protecting you from STDs	49.9	45.5	4.4*
No health risks	60.4	54.1	6.3*
Easy to use	32.9	30.9	2.0
Does not interfere with sexual pleasure	9.3	12.8	–3.5*
No need to plan ahead	38.2	22.0	16.2*
<b>Diaphragm</b>			
Effective in preventing pregnancy	16.4	12.1	4.3*
Effective in protecting partner from STDs	2.7	0.5	2.2*
Effective in protecting you from STDs	2.1	1.3	0.8
No health risks	15.6	14.4	1.2
Easy to use	10.7	6.4	4.3*
Does not interfere with sexual pleasure	19.3	8.1	11.2*
No need to plan ahead	14.2	3.5	10.7*
<b>Spermicides</b>			
Effective in preventing pregnancy	7.6	2.3	5.3*
Effective in protecting partner from STDs	1.6	1.0	0.6
Effective in protecting you from STDs	1.9	1.2	0.7
No health risks	11.8	11.1	0.7
Easy to use	10.5	9.4	1.1
Does not interfere with sexual pleasure	17.9	11.5	6.4*
No need to plan ahead	11.6	3.3	8.3*
<b>Sterilization</b>			
Effective in preventing pregnancy	84.0	83.7	0.3
Effective in protecting partner from STDs	4.0	2.0	2.0*
Effective in protecting you from STDs	4.1	2.1	2.0*
No health risks	40.4	41.1	–0.7

\*p≤.05