

TABLE 1. Measures of fertility, contraceptive use, unmet need, fertility desire and strength of motivation to avoid pregnancy among women of reproductive age in Burkina Faso, Ghana and Kenya, 2003 and 1998

Measure	Burkina Faso 2003	Ghana 2003	Kenya 2003	Burkina Faso 1998–1999	Ghana 1998–1999	Kenya 1998
Total fertility rate	5.9	4.4	4.9	6.4	4.4	4.7
Contraceptive use (%)						
Any method	13.8	25.2	39.3	11.9	22.0	39.0
Modern method	8.8	18.7	31.5	4.8	13.3	31.5
Unmet need (%)						
To delay	21.8	21.7	14.4	19.0	8.7	14.0
To limit	7.0	12.3	10.1	6.8	7.8	9.9
Fertility desire (%)*						
Want child soon (<2 yrs.)	37.5	26.9	22.3	42.0	29.2	21.1
Want to delay childbearing (≥2 yrs.)	29.1	31.9	25.2	21.4	25.1	22.2
Want child, undecided when	3.4	2.8	1.9	7.0	3.3	1.4
Undecided	3.0	3.3	2.0	6.3	5.3	4.1
Want no more children	27.1	35.1	48.6	23.3	37.1	51.2
How much of a problem would it be if you found out you were pregnant in the next few weeks? (%)†						
No problem	15.2	14.1	28.8	na	na	na
Small problem	11.3	7.5	14.1	na	na	na
Big problem	73.5	78.4	57.1	na	na	na
How happy would you be if you found out you were pregnant in the next few weeks? (%)‡						
Happy	na	na	na	11.6	4.2	17.1
Would not matter	na	na	na	7.5	14.2	20.1
Unhappy	na	na	na	80.9	81.6	62.9

*Includes only women who were not pregnant, not amenorrheic (postpartum) and not sterilized, who did not declare themselves infecund, who had had intercourse in the last year, and who were currently married or living with a partner. †Includes only women who wanted to delay childbearing for two or more years or to limit childbearing. ‡The Burkina Faso and Kenya results include only women who wanted to delay childbearing. The Ghana results include women who wanted to delay or limit childbearing. Note: na=not available.