all women younger than age 45.

Tubal ligation was the most common contraceptive choice among married and cohabiting and previously married women in both surveys, while oral contraceptives were the preferred method of single women. For married and cohabiting women, the rate of tubal ligation declined from 39% to 31% between the two surveys, whereas the rate of (their partner’s) vasectomy rose from 16% to 24%. For single women, pill use declined somewhat...