

**TABLE 3. Percentage of women obtaining abortions who had not been using a contraceptive method in the month of conception, by reported reasons for nonuse**

Reason	% (N=4,957)
<b>Perceived low risk</b>	<b>33.1</b>
Didn't think I would get pregnant at the time	28.3
Thought I or my partner was sterile	5.8
<b>Concerns about contraceptive methods</b>	<b>32.3</b>
Problems with methods in the past	20.2
Afraid of side effects from methods	13.3
Thought methods would make sex less fun	3.1
Thought methods would be difficult to use	1.1
Thought methods would be too messy	0.6
<b>Unexpected/unwanted sex</b>	<b>26.5</b>
Didn't expect to have sex at the time	25.6
Was forced to have sex	1.3
<b>Ambivalence about contraception</b>	<b>21.5</b>
Never got around to getting a method	14.6
Never thought about using a method	6.7
Didn't use or stopped using a method	2.6
<b>Problems accessing contraception</b>	<b>12.0</b>
Financial†	7.9
Didn't know where to get a method	2.1
Ran out/didn't get method/didn't get refill	2.5
<b>Partner preferences</b>	<b>10.4</b>
Partner didn't want to use a method	7.1
Partner didn't want me to use a method	2.4
Partner wanted me to get pregnant	2.9
<b>Ambivalence about pregnancy</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Thought I might want to get pregnant	4.0
Didn't care if I got pregnant	1.2
<b>Parents</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Afraid my parents would find out I was having sex	2.4

†For example, methods too expensive, insurance ran out, no money. *Notes:* Percentages may add to more than subtotals because women could indicate more than one reason for nonuse. Women who indicated "other," unspecified reasons for contraceptive nonuse (2% of all nonusers) are not shown but are included in the denominator.