

TABLE 4. Percentage of women obtaining abortions who had not been using a contraceptive method in the month of conception, by selected characteristics, according to reported reasons for nonuse

Characteristic	Perceived low risk	Method concerns	Unexpected/unwanted sex	Ambivalence about contraception	Access problems	Partner preferences	Ambivalence about pregnancy	Parents
All	33.1	32.3	26.5	21.5	12.0	10.4	4.7	2.4
Age								
<18	38.9	26.0	44.0***	27.9***	12.6	7.2**	5.1	15.5***
18–19	37.5	37.2**	28.3	26.5***	13.3	13.0	4.8	5.9***
20–24	30.7*	32.4	25.8	25.9***	12.5	9.6	3.5***	0.9
25–29	30.0*	34.8**	21.1*	16.5	12.3	10.2	3.7**	0.2
≥30 (ref)	35.2	29.3	26.1	15.3	10.1	11.3	7.1	0.6
Union status								
Married (ref)	29.2	30.6	16.5	17.9	11.6	12.2	8.4	0.0
Cohabiting†	31.7	36.0*	15.8	21.2	14.5	12.1	5.5*	0.7**
Previously married‡	35.9*	32.6	39.8***	13.4*	10.6	9.2	6.3	0.7*
Never-married	34.5*	30.9	32.5***	24.9***	11.1	9.2*	2.6***	4.6***
Poverty status§								
<100%	33.6	34.1	27.7	21.9	14.2***	11.9*	4.2*	2.6
100–199%	32.0	32.9	26.7	22.7	13.8***	10.7	4.6*	2.8
200–299%	31.8	30.6	26.5	20.3	10.8**	8.7	3.8**	2.0
≥300% (ref)	35.0	30.6	24.5	20.4	7.1	9.1	6.3	1.9
Race/ethnicity								
White (ref)	33.9	30.6	27.6	21.5	12.9	11.2	5.3	2.0
Black	31.7	33.0	25.4	18.8	11.4	8.2**	4.2	1.6
Hispanic	32.9	34.5	28.5	22.4	12.6	13.0	3.9	4.5***
Other	36.3	31.0	21.6	32.0***	8.9**	10.2	6.9	2.0
Prior method								
Injectable	28.4***	36.7***	28.5	20.0	18.5***	8.7*	2.7**	0.2**
Pill	28.4***	34.5***	20.5***	20.2	15.9***	7.9***	4.3	0.5*
Condom (ref)	40.6	25.3	31.3	20.1	5.1	12.6	5.6	1.2
Withdrawal	43.3	35.8**	23.5*	19.5	5.1	18.8**	6.1	2.0
None	32.2**	34.1**	31.3	29.3***	12.0***	9.5	5.6	10.1***

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †Based on single women only. ‡Includes separated women. §Percentage of federal poverty level. Note: ref=reference category.