

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of clinic clients initiating pill use, by selected characteristics, New York City, April–September 2000

Characteristic	% (N=213)	Characteristic	% (N=213)
BACKGROUND		PARTNER/RELATIONSHIP (continued)	
Age		Age difference between partners‡	
<21	42.3	<5 yrs.§	63.7
≥21	57.7	≥5 yrs.	36.3
Ethnicity		Partner knows of planned pill use‡	
Hispanic	88.3	Yes	72.5
Other	11.7	No	27.5
Currently employed		Extent of partner approval of pill use‡	
Yes	46.0	Strongly approves	52.0
No	54.0	Approves somewhat/disapproves	48.0
Education		Partner wants pregnancy in next six mos.‡	
<12 yrs.	43.7	No/doesn't know	73.5
≥12 yrs.†	56.3	Yes	26.5
Language at home		Satisfaction with partner‡	
English only	20.7	Very satisfied	64.2
English and Spanish	34.3	Somewhat satisfied/unsatisfied	35.8
Spanish/other language only	45.0	How long woman thinks relationship will last‡	
Language with friends		Forever	37.3
English only	37.6	<forever	62.7
English and Spanish	31.4	FERTILITY MOTIVATIONS/BEHAVIOR	
Spanish/other language only	31.0	Certainty of pill use	
Time spent in country of origin in past two yrs.		Very certain	56.8
None	56.3	Somewhat certain/uncertain	43.2
≤3 mos.	29.1	Intended duration of pill use††	
>3 mos.	14.6	>1yr.	55.5
CONTRACEPTIVE/REPRODUCTIVE		≤1 yr.	44.5
Ever used the pill		Reaction to prospect of pregnancy in next six mos.	
Yes	61.0	Unhappy	54.9
No	39.0	Happy	45.1
Duration of previous use		Took first pill in clinic	
None	39.0	Yes	26.8
≤12 mos.	33.3	No	73.2
>12 mos.	27.7	Wants more children††	
Ever been pregnant		Yes	85.2
Yes	70.4	No	14.8
No	29.6	Frequency of intercourse	
Age at first pregnancy		<once weekly	35.7
Never pregnant	29.6	≥once weekly	64.3
<18	25.3	No. of sex partners in last yr. ††	
≥18	45.1	1	73.6
Ever had a live birth		≥2	26.4
Yes	46.5	Knows of peers who use the pill	
No	53.5	Yes	68.5
Ever had an abortion		No	31.5
Yes	60.6	Peers are happy using the pill§§	
No	39.4	Yes	79.0
PARTNER/RELATIONSHIP		No	21.0
Length of time with partner‡		Total	
<12 mos.	30.9	100.0	
≥12 mos.	69.1		
Lives with partner‡			
Yes	37.3		
No	62.7		

†Includes those with a GED. ‡Excludes nine women who reported no partner. §Includes couples in which the woman was older than the man. ††Excludes four women who did not answer the question or reported "don't know." †††Excludes one woman had no partner in last year. §§Excludes 67 women who knew no pill users or reported "don't know."