

**TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of U.S. men obtaining vasectomies in 1998–1999 and of the U.S. population in various years, by selected characteristics**

Characteristic	Men obtaining vasectomies	U.S. population*
<b>Age</b>		
20–29	15.3 (8.4–22.2)	21.1
30–34	31.5 (22.4–40.6)	11.6
35–39	31.8 (24.3–39.3)	13.0
40–44	14.4 (8.3–20.5)	12.6
45–74	7.0 (3.8–10.2)	41.7
<b>Marital status</b>		
Married/cohabiting†	91.4 (86.3–96.5)	61.6
Never-married/separated/divorced	8.6 (3.5–13.7)	38.4
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>		
Non-Hispanic white	87.2 (81.0–93.3)	74.8
Non-Hispanic black	4.5 (0.7–8.3)	11.0
Non-Hispanic other‡	3.5 (0.0–7.3)	4.5
Hispanic, any race	4.8 (0.7–8.9)	9.8
<b>Education</b>		
<high school	0.0	15.8
High school	19.3 (11.1–27.5)	32.5
Some postsecondary	32.9 (24.9–40.9)	26.3
Bachelor's degree	28.0 (20.3–35.7)	16.7
Graduate/professional degree	19.7 (12.6–26.8)	8.7
<b>Household income</b>		
≤\$24,999	7.1 (0.0–14.3)	32.1
\$25,000–34,999	15.2 (8.3–22.1)	13.2
\$35,000–49,999	20.9 (13.9–27.9)	16.0
\$50,000–74,999	25.4 (18.6–32.2)	18.6
≥\$75,000	31.4 (23.3–39.5)	20.1
<b>Intendedness of last child§</b>		
Intended	73.7 (67.5–80.0)	69.0
Mistimed	11.4 (5.2–17.7)	21.6
Unwanted	14.9 (9.1–20.7)	9.1
<b>Contraceptive use in last six mos.**</b>		
Pill/injectable/implant	31.7 (23.7–39.7)	26.7
Condom/diaphragm/IUD	51.1 (41.7–60.6)	19.7
Rhythm	6.5 (4.6–8.4)	2.3
Other	11.9 (7.9–15.9)	4.0
None	24.5 (15.7–33.4)	47.6
<b>Method of payment for vasectomy</b>		
Private insurance/HMO	80.6 (77.7–83.5)	u
Out of pocket	6.5 (4.7–8.3)	u
Other††	12.9 (10.7–15.1)	u
Total	100.0	100.0

\*Based on men aged 20–74 (age, marital status, education), men aged 25–74 (race/ethnicity), all households (income), women aged 15–44 (intendedness) and women aged 15–44 not using male or female sterilization (contraception). †Only 1.5% of respondents were cohabiting; national data based on married men. ‡Includes Asian, Pacific Islander, Alaskan Native and Native American. §For national data, intendedness of a birth in the last five years. \*\*Excluding sterilization. Percentages may total more than 100 because respondents could select more than one answer. ††Includes Medicaid and other public funding (<1%).  
 Notes: Figures in parentheses are 95% confidence intervals. Percentages for men obtaining vasectomies are weighted; unweighted N=719. u=unavailable.  
 Sources (national data): **Age**—U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 (reference 12). **Marital status**—Lugaila TA, 1998 (reference 12). **Race/ethnicity**—reference 13. **Education**—Day JC and Curry AE, 1998 (reference 12). **Income**—U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1999 (reference 12). **Intendedness and contraception**—Abma JC et al., 1997 (reference 8).