

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of women seeking emergency contraceptives at California pharmacies, by selected characteristics, 2004

Characteristic	% (N=426)
Age	
13–15	1
16–17	12
18–19	16
20–24	37
25–29	17
≥30	15
Missing	1
Race/ethnicity	
Non-Hispanic white	45
Hispanic	33
Asian	11
Black	4
Native American	1
Other	3
Missing	2
Use of direct pharmacy access	
No	14
Yes	85
Missing	1
No. of times method previously used	
0	45
1	27
2	12
3	6
≥4	7
Missing	3
Day of unprotected intercourse†	
Sunday	19
Monday	18
Tuesday	12
Wednesday	14
Thursday	13
Friday	11
Saturday	13
Day of pharmacy visit	
Sunday	1
Monday	24
Tuesday	18
Wednesday	14
Thursday	14
Friday	14
Saturday	13
Missing	1
Reason for seeking method	
Unprotected intercourse	46
Condom failure	32
Uncertain about protection	8
For future use	7
Missing	7
Elapsed hours since unprotected intercourse‡	
≤12	11
13–24	29
25–36	15
37–48	19
49–60	11
61–72	10
73–120	4
121–165	1
Total	100

†Among the 356 women who wanted emergency contraceptives for immediate use and who reported the day of intercourse. ‡Among the 293 women who wanted the method for immediate use and who reported both the day and the time of intercourse. Note: Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding.