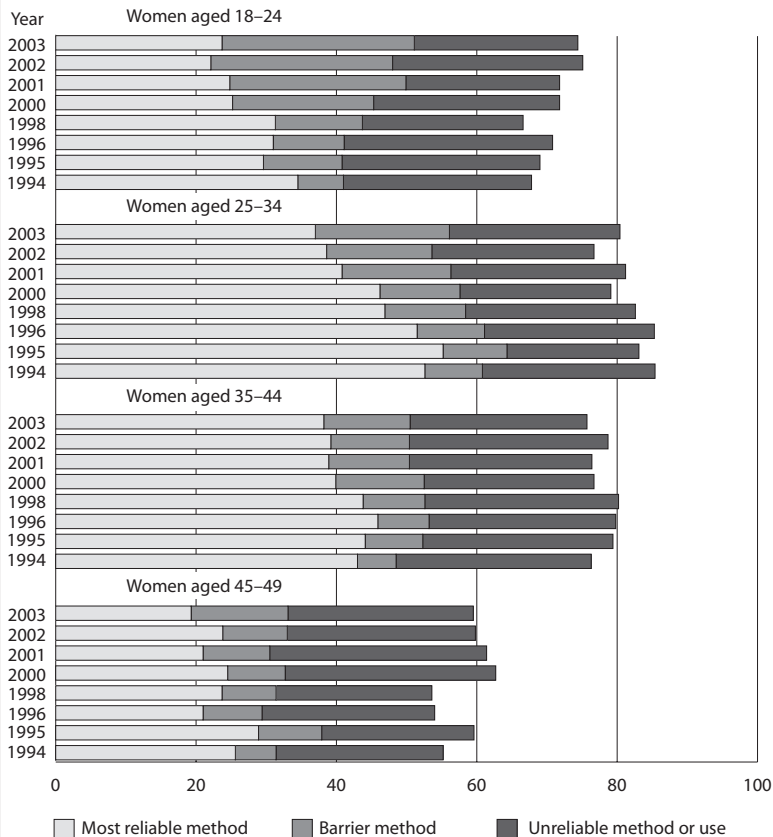


FIGURE 2. Percentage of sexually active women aged 18–49 who were using a contraceptive method, by reliability of method, according to age-group and year



Notes: Women were considered sexually active if they reported having had sex in the past 30 days. Women were excluded if they believed they were infertile or they were trying to conceive. "Most reliable methods" are the IUD and hormonal contraceptives taken regularly; "barrier methods" denotes consistent use of condoms, diaphragms or spermicides; "unreliable methods" indicates use of other methods or inconsistent use of hormonal contraceptives or barrier methods.