

TABLE 2. Percentage distribution of women, by selected reproductive and contraceptive use characteristics, according to age

| Characteristic | Total | 18–24 | 25–34 | 35–44 |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Age at first intercourse | (N=1,147) | (N=304) | (N=349) | (N=492) |
| 13–15 | 7.3 | 16.4 | 8.3 | 1.0*** |
| 16–17 | 25.7 | 33.6 | 33.0 | 15.7** |
| 18–19 | 33.0 | 26.3 | 34.1 | 36.4 |
| ≥20 | 28.8 | 10.2 | 22.1* | 45.1*** |
| Never had sex | 3.4 | 10.9 | 0.9** | 0.6** |
| Missing | 1.7 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| Ever had intercourse | (N=1,147) | (N=304) | (N=349) | (N=492) |
| Yes | 96.2 | 88.2 | 98.6 | 99.4 |
| No | 3.8 | 11.8 | 1.4 | 0.6 |
| Parity† | (N=1,103) | (N=268) | (N=344) | (N=489) |
| 0 | 33.2 | 77.2 | 33.4*** | 8.8*** |
| 1–2 | 62.6 | 22.8 | 65.4*** | 82.4*** |
| ≥3 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 8.8** |
| Ever had a miscarriage‡ | (N=1,103) | (N=268) | (N=344) | (N=489) |
| Yes | 14.4 | 4.1 | 14.2* | 20.0** |
| No | 85.6 | 95.9 | 85.8 | 80.0 |
| Wants to have children in the future | (N=1,147) | (N=304) | (N=349) | (N=492) |
| Yes | 38.8 | 79.3 | 49.3*** | 6.3*** |
| No | 29.8 | 3.6 | 16.9** | 55.1*** |
| Don't know | 11.8 | 10.5 | 14.0 | 11.0 |
| Missing | 19.7 | 6.6 | 19.8 | 27.6 |
| Would mind if got pregnant‡ | (N=1,103) | (N=268) | (N=344) | (N=489) |
| Yes | 89.6 | 84.0 | 87.5 | 94.3 |
| No | 10.4 | 16.0 | 12.5 | 5.7* |
| Infertile† | (N=1,069) | (N=260) | (N=330) | (N=477) |
| Yes | 19.9 | 10.8 | 22.7* | 22.9* |
| No | 80.1 | 89.2 | 77.3 | 77.1 |
| No. of abortion§ | (N=1,103) | (N=268) | (N=344) | (N=489) |
| 0 | 45.0 | 74.6 | 44.2*** | 29.2*** |
| 1 | 21.1 | 18.7 | 23.8 | 20.4 |
| 2 | 15.8 | 5.6 | 17.2* | 20.4** |
| ≥3 | 18.2 | 1.1 | 14.8*** | 29.9*** |
| Method at first intercourse‡ | (N=1,103) | (N=268) | (N=344) | (N=489) |
| Pill | 1.5 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 1.4 |
| Condom | 23.6 | 44.4 | 23.5** | 12.3*** |
| Withdrawal | 27.2 | 30.6 | 29.4 | 23.7 |
| Calendar method | 5.5 | 0.7 | 4.9 | 8.6* |
| Spermicide | 0.9 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Emergency contraceptive | 2.7 | 1.5 | 4.9 | 1.8 |
| No method | 47.3 | 25.0 | 43.9** | 62.0*** |
| Method at last intercourse§ | (N=769) | (N=201) | (N=238) | (N=330) |
| Reliable | 57.6 | 64.7 | 59.2 | 52.1 |
| IUD | 8.6 | 1.5 | 4.6 | 15.8*** |
| Pill | 11.8 | 17.4 | 12.6 | 7.9 |
| Condom | 41.9 | 48.3 | 46.6 | 34.5 |
| Other | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| Unreliable | 30.8 | 31.9 | 33.6 | 32.4 |
| Withdrawal | 25.1 | 31.3 | 26.1 | 20.6 |
| Calendar method | 16.8 | 6.0 | 16.0* | 23.9** |
| Douching | 11.6 | 7.5 | 9.7 | 15.5 |
| Spermicide | 4.3 | 3.5 | 7.6 | 2.4 |
| Emergency contraceptive | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| No method | 11.6 | 10.4 | 7.1 | 15.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †Among sexually experienced women. ‡Percentages do not add to 100.0 because respondents could choose several methods. §Among women at risk of unintended pregnancy, defined as those who were sexually active, fertile, not sterilized, and not pregnant or breast-feeding a baby younger than two months, and did not want to have (more) children. Percentages do not add to subtotals because respondents could choose several methods. "Other" includes the injectable, implant, patch, ring and sterilization. Notes: Significance testing compared the 25–34 and 35–44 age-groups against the 18–24 age-group. Totals for all measures except method at last intercourse include two women who did not give their age.