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Data table for Figure 1. Never-married females and males aged 15–19 who have ever had sexual intercourse: United States, 2002–2017

Sex and survey year	Weighted number (thousands)	Percent	Standard error	Number (millions)
Female				
2002	9,598	45.5	1.8	4.4
2006–2010	10,361	42.6	1.7	4.4
2011–2015	9,385	42.4	1.9	4.0
2015–2017	9,393	41.6	3.1	3.9
Male				
2002	10,139	45.7	2.1	4.6
2006–2010	10,766	41.8	1.6	4.5
2011–2015	9,963	44.2	1.5	4.4
2015–2017	9,886	37.5	3.0	3.7

SOURCE: NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2002, 2006–2010, 2011–2015, and 2015–2017.

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Data table for Figure 2. Probability of having had sex by age 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 for females and males: United States, 2015–2017

Sex and age	Probability of first sexual intercourse by age	Standard error
Female		
15	0.21	0.02
16	0.37	0.02
17	0.53	0.03
18	0.65	0.03
19	0.74	0.03
20	0.79	0.03
Male		
15	0.20	0.02
16	0.34	0.02
17	0.48	0.02
18	0.62	0.03
19	0.70	0.03
20	0.77	0.03

SOURCE: NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2015–2017.

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Data table for Figure 3. Use of contraception at first sexual intercourse among females and males aged 15–24 who had sexual intercourse before age 20, by age at first sex: United States, 2015–2017

Sex and age at first sexual intercourse	Weighted number (thousands)	Percent who used a method of contraception at first sexual intercourse	Standard error
Female			
Total	12,711	77.8	2.08
14 and under	2,094	56.9	6.02
15–16	4,802	79.1	2.42
17–19	5,000	83.2	3.05
Male			
Total	12,537	88.5	1.70
14 and under	2,426	77.8	5.05
15–16	4,134	92.7	1.63
17–19	5,010	91.0	2.00

SOURCE: NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2015–2017.

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Data table for Figure 4. Methods of contraception ever used among females aged 15–19 who had ever had sexual intercourse: United States, 2015–2017

Method	Percent	Standard error
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Condom	96.8	(0.91)
Withdrawal	65.1	(4.78)
Pill	52.5	(4.23)
Emergency contraception	18.9	(3.29)
Depo-Provera	18.6	(2.90)
Fertility awareness methods	10.8	(2.39)
LARC	20.0	(4.05)
Implant	15.2	(3.18)
Contraceptive patch	1.0	(0.45)
IUD	*	*
Contraceptive ring	*	*

<sup>\*</sup> Estimate does not meet NCHS standards of reliability.

NOTES: LARC is long-acting reversible contraception. IUD is intrauterine device.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2015–2017.