

**Data Brief 327. Current Contraceptive Status Among Women Aged 15–49: United States, 2015–2017**

**Data table for Figure 1. Percentage currently using any contraceptive method among all women aged 15–49 and by age group, Hispanic origin and race, and education: United States, 2015–2017**

Characteristic	Number (thousands)	Percent	Standard error
Total <sup>1</sup>	72,218	64.9	1.22
Age group (years)			
15–19	9,454	37.2	3.36
20–29	21,334	61.9	2.09
30–39	21,079	72.0	1.62
40–49	20,351	73.7	1.99
Hispanic origin and race			
Hispanic	14,597	64.0	2.26
Non-Hispanic white	40,662	67.0	1.46
Non-Hispanic black	9,715	59.9	2.64
Education			
No high school diploma or GED	5,589	75.6	2.72
High school diploma or GED	13,336	70.3	2.44
Some college, no bachelor's degree	18,529	68.2	1.97
Bachelor's degree or higher	21,677	70.2	2.12

<sup>1</sup>Includes persons of other and multiple race and origin groups, not shown separately.

NOTES: Analyses of education are limited to women aged 22–44 at the time of interview. GED is general equivalency diploma.

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

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**Data table for Figure 2. Percent distribution of women aged 15–49, by current contraceptive status: United States, 2015–2017**

Characteristic	Percent	Standard error
All women (total) <sup>1</sup>	100.0	...
Not using contraception <sup>2</sup>	35.1	1.22
Surgically sterile—female (noncontraceptive)	0.2	0.06
Nonsurgically sterile—female or male	2.5	0.31
Pregnant or postpartum	3.7	0.46
Seeking pregnancy	3.8	0.32
Other nonuse:		
Never had intercourse	10.2	0.81
No intercourse in 3 months before interview	6.8	0.41
Had intercourse in 3 months before interview	7.9	0.61
Using contraception (contraceptors)	64.9	1.22
Female sterilization	18.6	1.31
Male sterilization	5.9	0.58
Oral contraceptive pill	12.6	0.71
Long-acting reversible contraception	10.3	0.61
Intrauterine device	7.9	0.50
Implant	2.3	0.33
3-month injectable (Depo-Provera)	2.1	0.26
Contraceptive ring or patch	1.2	0.24
Diaphragm	–	...
Condom	8.7	0.69
Periodic abstinence—calendar rhythm	1.3	0.25
Periodic abstinence—natural family planning	0.2	0.12
Withdrawal	3.9	0.44
Other methods <sup>3</sup>	0.2	0.10

... Category not applicable.

– Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Total equals 72.2 million women.

<sup>2</sup>Includes all other reasons for nonuse not included in subcategories listed.

<sup>3</sup>Includes emergency contraception, female condom, foam, cervical cap, sponge, suppository, and jelly, as well as "other methods."

NOTES: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. Women currently using more than one method are classified according to the most effective method they are using.

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**Data table for Figure 3. Percentage of all women aged 15–49 who were currently using female sterilization, oral contraceptive pill, male condom, or long-acting reversible contraceptives, by age group: United States, 2015–2017**

Age group (years)	Number (thousands)	Female sterilization		Pill		Condom		Long-acting reversible contraceptives	
		Percent	SE	Percent	SE	Percent	SE	Percent	SE
15–19	9,454	–	...	16.6	2.44	5.3	0.94	8.2	1.99
20–29	21,334	4.2	0.64	19.5	1.54	11.6	1.10	13.1	1.41
30–39	21,079	21.6	1.70	11.0	1.28	10.6	1.32	11.7	0.90
40–49	20,351	39.4	3.01	5.1	0.96	5.2	1.14	6.7	0.90

– Quantity zero.

... Category not applicable.

NOTES: Women currently using more than one method are classified according to the most effective method they are using. Long-acting reversible contraceptives include contraceptive implants and intrauterine devices. SE is standard error.

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**Data table for Figure 4. Percentage of all women aged 15–49 who were currently using female sterilization, oral contraceptive pill, male condom, or long-acting reversible contraceptives, by Hispanic origin and race: United States, 2015–2017**

Hispanic origin and race	Number (thousands)	Female sterilization		Pill		Condom		Long-acting reversible contraceptives	
		Percent	SE	Percent	SE	Percent	SE	Percent	SE
Hispanic	14,597	19.2	1.97	9.2	1.52	9.6	1.50	12.2	1.29
Non-Hispanic white	40,662	18.1	2.01	14.9	1.14	8.5	0.91	10.6	0.88
Non-Hispanic black	9,715	22.9	2.27	8.3	1.38	6.8	0.90	9.6	1.07

NOTES: Women currently using more than one method are classified according to the most effective method they are using. SE is standard error. Long-acting reversible contraceptives include contraceptive implants and intrauterine devices.

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**Data table for Figure 5. Percentage of all women aged 22–49 who were currently using female sterilization, oral contraceptive pill, male condom, or long-acting reversible contraceptives, by educational attainment: United States, 2015–2017**

Education	Number (thousands)	Female sterilization		Pill		Condom		Long-acting reversible contraceptives	
		Percent	SE	Percent	SE	Percent	SE	Percent	SE
No high school diploma or GED	5,589	41.9	4.10	4.9	1.44	11.1	2.35	10.0	1.95
High school diploma or GED	13,336	32.1	2.76	7.0	1.11	5.8	0.93	10.1	1.35
Some college, no bachelor's degree	18,529	23.7	2.14	10.1	1.35	8.4	1.18	9.9	1.26
Bachelor's degree or higher	21,677	11.3	1.45	16.3	1.33	11.4	1.28	12.1	1.07

NOTES: Women currently using more than one method are classified according to the most effective method they are using. Long-acting reversible contraceptives include contraceptive implants and intrauterine devices. GED is general equivalency diploma.

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