

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **9-3. Increase the proportion of females at risk of unintended pregnancy (and their partners) who use contraception.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG), CDC, NCHS.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Not identified.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	5.12 (Family Planning).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	None.
<b>Measure</b>	Percent.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	93 (1995)
<b>Target</b>	100
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Total coverage.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of at-risk females aged 15 to 44 years who currently use a method of contraception other than withdrawal.
<b>Denominator</b>	Number of at-risk females aged 15 to 44 years.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 1995 National Survey of Family Growth:  [NUMERATOR:]  ➤ <i>Please write the methods you used each month on the calendar. I need to know about all the methods you used, so if you used more than one method, please write down all methods you used that month.</i>  1) <i>Birth control pills</i> 2) <i>Condom</i> 3) <i>Partner's vasectomy</i> 4) <i>Diaphragm</i> 5) <i>Foam</i> 6) <i>Jelly or cream</i> 7) <i>Cervical cap</i> 8) <i>Suppository, insert</i>

- 9) *Today sponge*
- 10) *Female condom, vaginal pouch*
- 11) *IUD, Coil, Loop*
- 12) *Norplant*
- 13) *Depo-provera, Injectables*
- 14) *Morning after pill*
- 15) *Rhythm or safe period by calendar*
- 16) *Safe period by temperature, or cervical mucus test, or natural family planning*
- 17) *Withdrawal, pulling out*
- 18) *Respondent sterile*
- 19) *Partner sterile*
- 20) *Other method (specify)*

[DENOMINATOR:]

- *Is the reason you are not using a method of birth control now because you, yourself, want to become pregnant as soon as possible?*
- *Many women have times when they are not having intercourse at all, for example, because of pregnancy, separation, not dating anyone, illness, or other reasons. Since (Date), have there been any times when you were not having intercourse at all for one month or more?*
- *What months and years were those?*

**Expected Periodicity**

Periodic.

**Comments**

A female (and her partner) is considered to be at risk of unintended pregnancy if there is a negative response to the denominator questions above on wanting to become pregnant (first question) or not having intercourse (second question).

“At risk” females are those who had intercourse in the 3 months prior to the survey who were not pregnant, nor seeking pregnancy, nor post partum, nor (themselves or partners) surgically or nonsurgically sterile.

“Currently using” refers to having used any contraceptive method (categories 1, 2, 4 through 16 above) other than sterilization or withdrawal in the month of the interview.

An unintended pregnancy is one that was not wanted at the time of conception or not wanted at all.

For some measures, data do not meet the criteria for statistical reliability, data quality, or confidentiality and have been suppressed. Information on

suppression of data for the major Healthy People 2010 data systems has been published in a *Healthy People Statistical Note*.<sup>1</sup>

See Part C for a description of NSFG and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

## References

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