



# World Contraceptive Use • 2003

Country or area	Contraceptive prevalence* (percentage)															Trends 1990-2000		Need for family planning Percentage of women with unmet need (%)
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	Any method	Modern methods	Female sterilization	Male sterilization	Injunctables/implants	IUD	Condom	Rhythm/withdrawal	Other modern methods <sup>b</sup>	Other traditional methods <sup>c</sup>	With other methods <sup>d</sup>	Other traditional methods <sup>e</sup>	Annual percentage point change	Percentage of women with unmet need (%)				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	
<b>World</b>	55.2	38.2	0.2	0.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
<b>MORE DEVELOPED REGIONS</b>	70.0	55.3	27.7	15.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	
<b>AFRICA</b>	11.7	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
<b>ASIA</b>	45.2	30.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
<b>EUROPE</b>	68.2	52.2	27.2	15.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	62.2	47.2	22.2	12.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	
<b>Middle East and North Africa</b>	15.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
<b>South Asia</b>	10.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	8.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
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This chart shows the most recent data (referring to 1990 or later dates) available as of September, 2003.

Data on contraceptive use were compiled primarily from surveys based on nationally representative samples of women of reproductive age (15-49 years). World and regional average levels and data are weighted averages and were derived by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs based on the survey data and assumptions about the patterns in countries for which no information is available. The number of married women of reproductive age was estimated for 2000 based on the marital status database on the World Population Prospects (Preston and Age Distribution of the World Population Prospects, The 2002 Revision, Vol. I: The Sex and Age Distribution of the World Population Prospects, Series No. E.U.S.20.02).

The more developed countries included all regions of Europe and North America, Australia/New Zealand and Japan. The less developed regions comprise all regions of Asia (including Japan) and Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the regions of Maldives, Micronesia and Polynesia.

Two data (1) indicate that data are not available or are not separately reported.

(\*) Percentage of married or in-union women of reproductive age currently using contraception.

(\*) Represented by the number of women aged 15-49 who are in a marital or consensual union.

(\*) Including methods in columns (8) through (12).

(\*) Excluding traditional, non-barrier, non-latex, jelly, cream and sponges.

(\*) Including modern methods not reported separately.

(\*) Also called diaphragm, abortion or calendar methods.

(\*) Including prolonged abstinence, breastfeeding, douching, various folk methods and traditional methods not reported separately.

(\*) Women with unmet need are those who were fecund but not using contraception at the time of the survey and yet wanted no children or wanted the next child with a delay of two years or more.

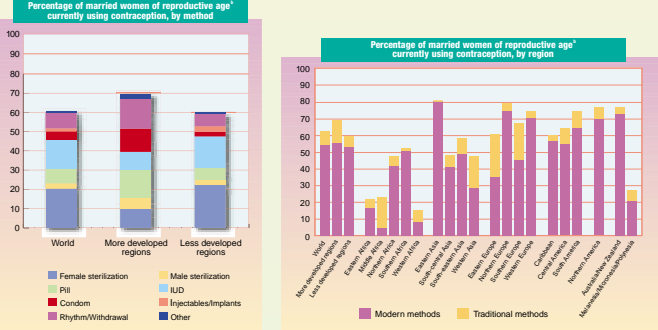
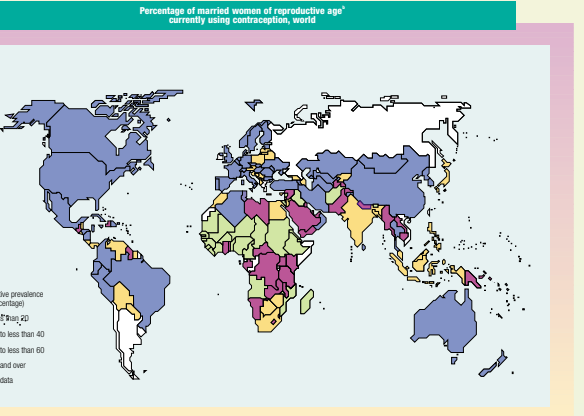
(\*) Data pertains to women in a marital or consensual union.

(\*) Percentage or provisioned.

(\*) Data pertains to 1990.

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Contraceptive prevalence (percentage)

- Less than 20
- 20 to less than 40
- 40 to less than 60
- 60 and over
- No data

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