

Department of Economic and Social Affairs  
POPULATION DIVISION

**World Contraceptive Use 2007**

**Datasets in Excel Format**

**System requirements**

A PC with a Windows operating system (version 95 or higher), at least 32 MB of RAM and a monitor with a resolution of at least 600 x 800 pixels are required, although a higher resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels is recommended. In order to retrieve the data in Excel files, Microsoft Excel version 97 or higher is necessary. To copy the data on this CD-ROM to a PC, a minimum of 1.5 MB of free space on the hard disk is necessary.

**Contents of the CD-ROM**

The CD-ROM contains the latest estimates as well as trend data on contraceptive prevalence, the percentage of women of reproductive age (between the ages of 15 and 49 unless specified otherwise) currently using contraception among those in the same age group who are married or in union. A union involves a man and a woman regularly cohabiting in a marriage-like relationship.

Data were compiled by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat up to 30 November 2007. The latest contraceptive prevalence data refer to the most recent available data. These data are given by method of contraception for individual countries and country aggregates, including the world as a whole, the more and less developed regions and the major world areas (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Northern America and Oceania). For individual countries, the most recent data were collected from surveys dated 1985 or later and based on nationally representative samples of women of reproductive age. For country aggregates, the most recent data are weighted averages derived by weighting the indicators for each country by the estimated number of women aged 15 to 49 in 2007 who are married or in union. These estimates are based on data on the proportion of women married or in union in each country contained in *World Marriage Data 2006*<sup>1</sup> and on estimates of the number of women by age group obtained from *World Population Prospects: The 2006 Revision*.<sup>2</sup>

The contraceptive prevalence trend data refer to all available data collected between 1980 and 2007 and are given for individual countries. The trend data give the prevalence of any method of contraception and that of any modern method of contraception.

More specifically, the CD-ROM includes the following files:

1. **UNPD\_WCU\_2007\_DISK\_NAVIG.xls**, which lists and opens each of the files on the CD-ROM as needed. This file is in MS Excel format.

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<sup>1</sup> *World Marriage Data 2006* (United Nations publication, POP/DB/Mar/Rev.2007)

<sup>2</sup> *World Population Prospects: The 2006 Revision. CD-ROM Edition - Extended Dataset in Excel and ASCII formats* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.07.XIII.7).

2. **UNITED\_NATIONS\_SOFTWARE\_LICENCE\_AGREEMENT.doc**, which contains the product licensing agreement. It is in MS Word format.
3. **UNPD\_WCU\_2007\_DOCUMENTATION.doc**, which contains this documentation file. It is in MS Word format.
4. **UNPD\_WCU\_2007\_LATEST\_DATA.xls**, which contains the latest contraceptive data. It is in MS Excel format.
5. **UNPD\_WCU\_2007\_TREND\_DATA.xls**, which contains the trend data on contraceptive use. It is in MS Excel format.

Each of the two Excel data files contains six separate worksheets described as follows:

1. The ***Contraceptive Levels*** worksheet displays the data on contraceptive prevalence. In addition, it displays four columns entitled ***Notes***, which give codes for the sources of data (***Source*** column), the part of the country or area the data pertain to (***Geography*** column), the definition of the sample population (***Sample population*** column), and the types of methods of contraception included (***Methods included*** column). Refer to the worksheets of the same names to display the definition of the codes used.
2. The ***General Notes*** worksheet describes the columns of data in the ***Contraceptive levels*** worksheet.
3. The ***Source*** worksheet explains the codes used for the sources of data.
4. The ***Geography*** worksheet explains the codes used for indicating the part of the country or area the data pertain to.
5. The ***Sample Population*** worksheet explains the codes used for the sample population surveyed.
6. The ***Methods*** worksheet explains the codes used for the methods of contraception included in the contraceptive prevalence.

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