

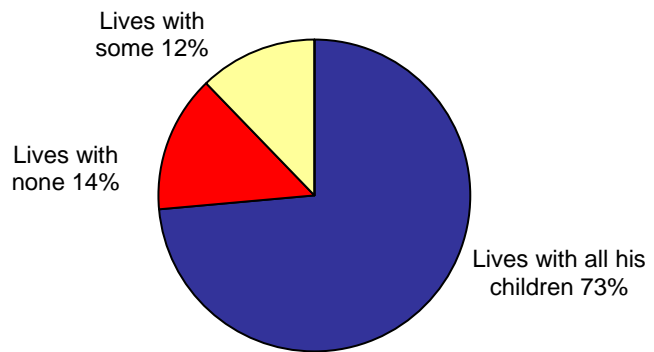
Family Facts

from the National Survey of Family Growth

The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) collects data on such topics as pregnancy, adoption, contraceptive use and effectiveness, and infertility. In 2004, it was praised by the *Washington Post* as “a comprehensive, well-respected government survey” and “one of the most authoritative sources of information.” The *Washington Times* said the survey “provides bedrock data on American family life, marriage, divorce, adoption, cohabitation, family planning, fatherhood, infertility, pregnancy and birth.” Below are some examples of actual data collected by the study the last time it was conducted in 2002.

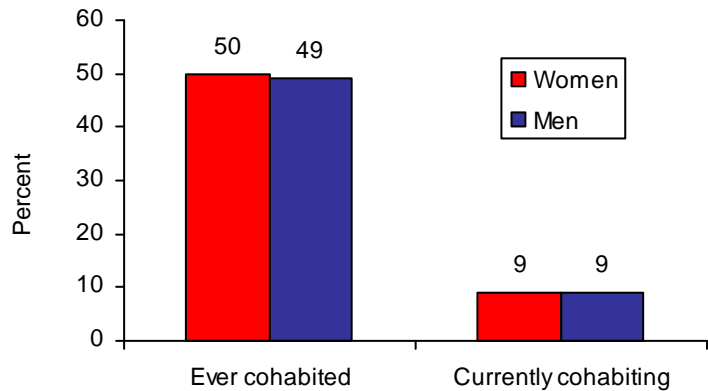
Living Arrangement with Children

73% of fathers live with all of their children; 14% do not live with any of their children, and 12% live with some and not others.



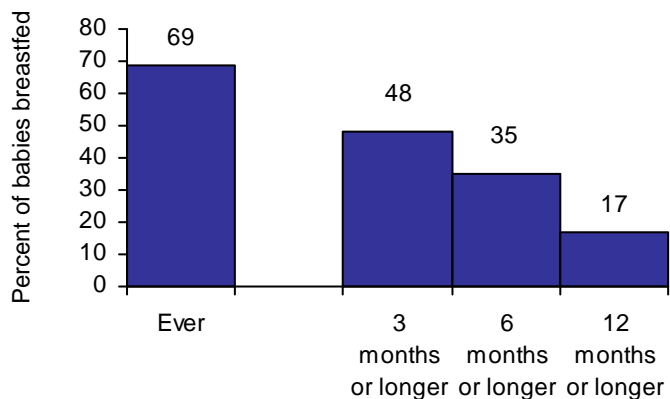
Cohabiting

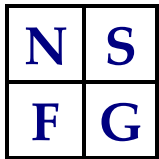
About half of men and women have ever cohabited at some time and 9% are currently cohabiting.



Breastfeeding

Approximately two-thirds of babies born 1997 through 2000 were breastfed. By one year of age, only 17 percent were still being breastfed.



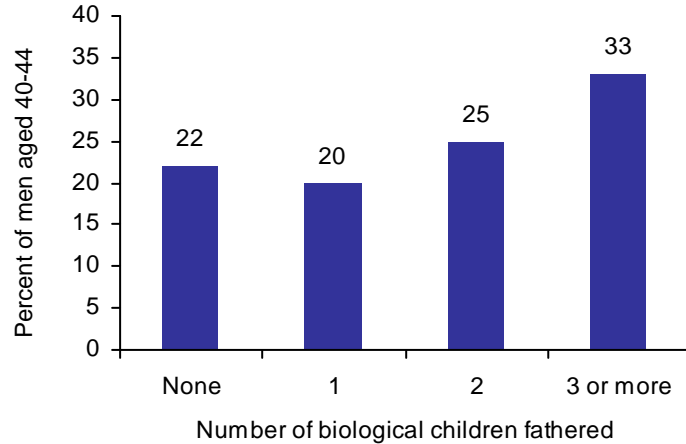


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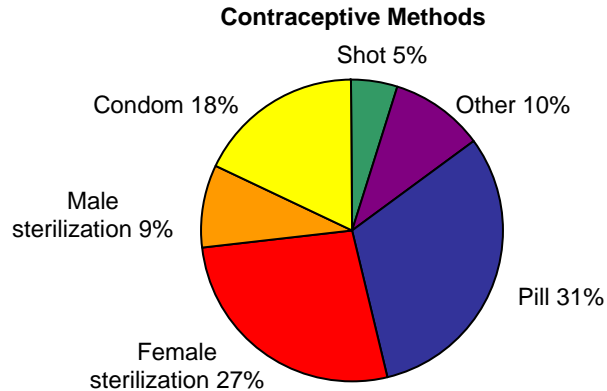
Number of Children Fathered

Among men 40 - 44 years old, 22% have not fathered any children and 33% have fathered 3 or more children.



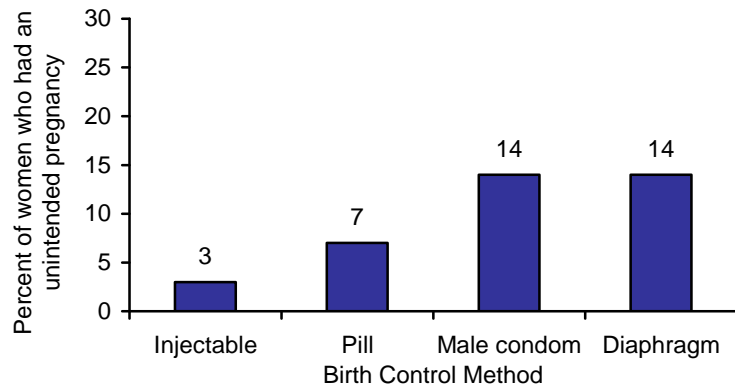
Contraception

The most popular methods of contraception in the U.S. in 2002 were the pill, female sterilization, and the condom.



Unintended Pregnancies

In their first year using the pill, 7% of women had an unintended pregnancy, compared with 14% of those using condoms and 14% of those using diaphragms.



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