Table 21 Current use of contraception by background characteristics—*Continued*

Background characteristic	Any method	Any modern method	Modern method: Female sterilization	Male sterilization	Pill	IUD	Injectables	Condom/ Nirodh	Other modern method	Any traditional method	Traditional method: Rhythm	With-drawal	Folk method	Not currently using	Total	Number of women
Caste/tribe																
Scheduled caste	74.8	55.8	42.9	0.9	9.7	0.0	0.2	2.2	0.0	19.0	11.2	7.4	0.4	25.2	100.0	1,363
Scheduled tribe	59.3	39.0	26.8	0.6	6.4	0.6	1.2	3.5	0.0	20.3	10.4	5.8	4.1	40.7	100.0	256
Other backward class	71.4	51.1	34.9	0.0	8.6	1.4	0.0	6.2	0.0	20.4	12.6	7.8	0.0	28.6	100.0	211
Other	71.1	48.8	28.2	0.8	13.3	0.9	0.3	5.2	0.1	22.3	12.9	9.1	0.3	28.9	100.0	3,319
Wealth index																
Lowest	64.5	48.6	34.3	0.5	10.5	0.6	0.7	2.0	0.0	15.9	9.9	4.6	1.4	35.5	100.0	1,258
Second	68.5	50.4	36.2	1.1	11.4	0.5	0.1	1.1	0.0	18.1	11.2	6.7	0.2	31.5	100.0	1,317
Middle	75.5	52.8	33.6	0.6	14.2	0.4	0.5	3.4	0.1	22.7	13.4	8.9	0.4	24.5	100.0	1,018
Fourth	73.9	52.3	32.0	0.5	12.5	0.6	0.2	6.3	0.2	21.6	11.5	9.9	0.2	26.1	100.0	908
Highest	78.3	44.4	19.5	1.0	9.7	1.4	0.0	12.7	0.0	33.8	18.2	15.6	0.0	21.7	100.0	733
Number of living children																
No children	25.1	7.6	0.3	0.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	0.0	17.5	9.0	8.5	0.0	74.9	100.0	563
1 child	66.5	32.1	3.7	0.7	20.1	0.7	0.1	6.9	0.0	34.3	18.9	15.2	0.3	33.5	100.0	1,190
1 son	66.8	33.2	4.1	0.7	21.1	0.5	0.3	6.6	0.0	33.5	21.2	12.3	0.0	33.2	100.0	672
No sons	66.1	30.7	3.1	0.6	18.8	0.8	0.0	7.3	0.0	35.4	15.8	19.0	0.6	33.9	100.0	517
2 children	81.6	60.5	41.8	0.9	11.6	0.8	0.3	4.8	0.2	21.1	12.2	8.3	0.6	18.4	100.0	1,576
1 or more sons	83.7	64.2	46.4	0.9	10.8	0.8	0.4	4.8	0.1	19.5	11.1	7.6	0.7	16.3	100.0	1,268
No sons	73.2	45.5	23.2	1.0	15.1	0.9	0.0	4.8	0.5	27.7	16.8	11.0	0.0	26.8	100.0	308
3 children	83.9	71.2	57.7	0.8	9.8	0.6	0.5	1.8	0.0	12.7	8.7	3.3	0.8	16.1	100.0	961
1 or more sons	85.0	73.2	60.3	0.9	9.4	0.5	0.5	1.6	0.0	11.8	8.1	3.0	0.7	15.0	100.0	860
No sons	74.7	53.8	35.3	0.0	13.7	1.6	0.0	3.2	0.0	20.9	13.4	6.1	1.5	25.3	100.0	101
4+ children	74.3	58.1	45.1	0.6	8.7	0.6	0.7	2.4	0.0	16.1	9.9	5.4	0.8	25.7	100.0	944
1 or more sons	73.9	58.2	46.0	0.7	8.3	0.7	0.7	1.9	0.0	15.7	9.4	5.5	0.8	26.1	100.0	901
No sons	(82.1)	(57.3)	(25.6)	(0.0)	(17.8)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(13.9)	(0.0)	(24.8)	(21.3)	(3.5)	(0.0)	(17.9)	100.0	43
Total	71.2	49.9	32.2	0.7	11.7	0.6	0.3	4.3	0.1	21.3	12.3	8.4	0.5	28.8	100.0	5,234
NFHS-2 (1998-99)	66.6	47.3	32.0	1.8	9.2	1.4	na	2.9	na	na	8.7	9.8	na	33.4	100.0	4,116
NFHS-1 (1992-93)	57.7	37.6	26.5	4.3	3.6	1.3	0.1	1.9	na	na	11.3	8.3	na	42.3	100.0	3,970

Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation. Total includes women for whom caste/tribe was not known or is missing, who are not shown separately.
na = Not available
ns = Not shown; see table 2b, footnote 1
( ) Based on 25-49 unweighted cases.