



The Kaiser Family Foundation National Survey on Public Perceptions about Contraception

Questionnaire and Top Lines

The Kaiser Family Foundation National Survey on Public Perceptions About Contraception was a random-sample, telephone survey of 1,000 Americans (488 men and 512 women) ages 18 years and older. It was conducted for the Foundation between January 19 - 21, 1996 by Market Facts, Inc. The margin of error in the national sample is plus or minus 3 percent.

Q1. Would you say that birth control pills are very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe, or very unsafe for the health of the user?

	National	Men	Women
Very safe	17%	13%	21%
Somewhat safe	39%	41%	38%
Somewhat unsafe	21%	20%	22%
Very unsafe	11%	12%	11%
Don't know	10%	13%	7%
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	1%

Q2. What is the main reason you do not think the pill is very safe (Read and Rotate): Is it primarily because:

	National	Men	Women
Of potential health risks associated with taking the birth control pill	44%	38%	50%
It does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) or HIV/AIDS	24%	27%	21%
It is not effective at preventing pregnancy	7%	6%	8%
Some other reason do not think the pill is very safe	14%	15%	13%
Don't know	9%	11%	7%
Refused/No answer	3%	3%	2%

Q3a. How do you think a woman's chance of getting Osteoporosis is affected by her taking the birth control pills? Is she more likely, less likely, or does she have the same chance of getting it as compared to a woman who does not take birth control pills?

	National	Men	Women
More likely	13%	16%	10%
Less likely	13%	11%	16%
Same	49%	42%	55%
Don't know	24%	30%	18%
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	*

Q3b. How do you think a woman's chance of getting Breast Cancer is affected by her taking the birth control pills? Is she more likely, less likely, or does she have the same chance of getting it as compared to a woman who does not take birth control pills?

	National	Men	Women
More likely	28%	27%	29%
Less likely	12%	9%	14%
Same	42%	39%	45%
Don't know	18%	24%	12%
Refused/No answer	*	*	*

Q3c. How do you think a woman's chance of getting Blood clots is affected by her taking the birth control pills? Is she

more likely, less likely, or does she have the same chance of getting it as compared to a woman who does not take birth control pills.

	National	Men	Women
More likely	40%	31%	50%
Less likely	7%	7%	6%
Same	33%	36%	31%
Don't know	19%	26%	13%
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	*

Q3d. How do you think a woman's chance of getting Ovarian cancer is affected by her taking the birth control pills? Is she more likely, less likely, or does she have the same chance of getting it as compared to a woman who does not take birth control pills?

	National	Men	Women
More likely	31%	31%	30%
Less likely	11%	8%	14%
Same	39%	36%	43%
Don't know	19%	25%	13%
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	1%

Q3e. How do you think a woman's chance of getting Heart Disease is affected by her taking the birth control pills? Is she more likely, less likely, or does she have the same chance of getting it as compared to a woman who does not take birth control pills?

	National	Men	Women
More likely	23%	23%	22%
Less likely	11%	9%	12%
Same	47%	43%	50%
Don't know	19%	24%	15%
Refused/No answer	1%	*	1%

Q4a. Thinking about where you get information about contraception and birth control, was your physician a major source, minor source or not a source at all of information about contraception/birth control for you? (Rotate)

	National	Men	Women
Major source	48%	32%	64%
Minor source	17%	19%	15%
Not a source at all	32%	46%	19%
Don't know	2%	2%	*
Don't know	1%	1%	*

Q4b. Thinking about where you get information about contraception and birth control, was nurse or other health professional a major source, minor source or not a source at all of information about contraception/birth control for you? (Rotate)

	National	Men	Women
Major source	34%	27%	42%
Minor source	23%	24%	23%
Not a source at all	39%	46%	32%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	1%

Q4c. Thinking about where you get information about contraception and birth control, was "Women's or "Men's magazines a major source, minor source or not a source at all of information about contraception/birth control for you? (Rotate)

	National	Men	Women
Major source	10%	10%	11%
Minor source	26%	26%	25%
Not a source at all	61%	61%	62%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	*

Q4d. Thinking about where you get information about contraception and birth control, was print news like a daily newspaper or weekly news magazine a major source, minor source or not a source at all of information about contraception/birth control for you?

	National	Men	Women
Major source	13%	15%	11%
Minor source	28%	30%	25%
Not a source at all	56%	51%	62%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	*

Q4e. Thinking about where you get information about contraception and birth control, was television news a major source, minor source or not a source at all of information about contraception/birth control for you? (Rotate)

	National	Men	Women
Major source	15%	19%	12%
Minor source	33%	34%	31%
Not a source at all	49%	43%	55%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	*

Q4f. Thinking about where you get information about contraception and birth control, was your friends and family a major source, minor source or not a source at all of information about contraception/birth control for you? (Rotate)

	National	Men	Women
Major source	20%	20%	19%
Minor source	31%	30%	32%
Not a source at all	46%	46%	47%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	*

Q4g. Thinking about where you get information about contraception and birth control, was an advertisement for a specific method of birth control a major source, minor source or not a source at all of information about contraception/birth control for you? (Rotate)

	National	Men	Women
Major source	12%	11%	13%
Minor source	27%	29%	24%
Not a source at all	58%	56%	60%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	*

Q5. Which one of these sources would you say you refer to most often as a source of information about contraception/birth control over the course of a year?

	National	Men	Women
Your physician	38%	25%	51%
Nurse or other health professional	12%	10%	14%
Your friends and family	10%	13%	7%
Television news	10%	16%	4%
Print news like a daily newspaper or weekly news magazine	8%	12%	4%
"Women's" or "Mens" magazines	9%	7%	4%
An advertisement for a specific method of birth control	1%	2%	1%
Don't know	8%	8%	8%
Refused/No answer	6%	7%	5%

Q6. Within the last two months, have you heard about new research regarding the health effects of birth control pills?

	National	Men	Women
Yes	10%	10%	10%
No	88%	88%	89%
Don't know	1%	2%	*
Refused/No answer	*	*	*

Q7. Did hearing this information cause you or your partner to do any of the following things or not (Rotate)?

	National	Men	Women
Seek additional information about health effects of birth control pills	14%	11%	17%
Discontinue using birth control pills	4%	5%	3%
Decide to start using birth control pills	3%	4%	2%
I is not applicable to me	44%	37%	51%
None of the above	42%	52%	32%
Refused/No answer	3%	3%	2%

Q8. Do you [for men, Does you partner] *currently* use birth control pills? Yes, no, or not applicable?

	National	Men	Women
Yes	11%	12%	11%
No	82%	78%	86%
Not applicable	6%	9%	*
Don't know	1%	1%	*
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	1%

Q9a. Have you *ever* used birth control pills? Yes, no, or not applicable?

	National	Men	Women
Yes	60%	-	51%
No	39%	-	47%
Not applicable	1%	-	1%
Don't know	*	-	*
Refused/No answer	1%	-	1%

Q9b. Has your current or most recent partner ever used birth control pills? Yes, no, or not applicable?

	National	Men	Women
Yes	46%	46%	-
No	44%	44%	-
Not applicable	5%	5%	-
Don't know	4%	4%	-
Refused/No answer	1%	1%	-

Q10. How much influence did your partner have in the decision to use birth control pills? Would you say...

	National	Men	Women
A lot	45%	76%	21%
Some	14%	10%	16%
Only a little, or	8%	6%	10%
None	32%	6%	52%
Don't know	1%	2%	*
Refused/No answer	*	1%	-

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