Table 21 Current use of contraception by background characteristics—Continued Modern Any Any Any Modern Any Male Background characteristic method method sterilization sterilization Pill	Any method	Any modern method	Ind characte	background characteristics—Con N Any modern Female Male method sterilization sterilization	Modern method		Injectables	Other Condom/ modern Nirodh method		Any traditional method	Traditional method With- Folk Rhythm drawal method	Traditional method With- Foll ythm drawal meth		Not currently using	Total	Number of women
Caste/tribe Scheduled caste Scheduled tribe Other backward class Other	74.8 59.3 71.4 71.1	55.8 39.0 51.1 48.8	42.9 26.8 34.9 28.2	0.9 0.6 0.0 0.8	9.7 6.4 8.6 13.3	0.0 0.6 1.4 0.9	0.2 1.2 0.0 0.3	2.2 3.5 6.2 5.2	0.0 0.0 0.0	19.0 20.3 20.4 22.3	11.2 10.4 12.6 12.9	7.4 5.8 7.8 9.1	0.4 4.1 0.0 0.3	25.2 40.7 28.6 28.9	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	1,363 256 211 3,319
Wealth index Lowest Second Middle Fourth Highest	64.5 68.5 75.5 73.9 78.3	48.6 50.4 52.8 52.3 44.4	34.3 36.2 33.6 32.0 19.5	0.5 1.1 0.6 0.5	10.5 11.4 14.2 12.5 9.7	0.6 0.5 0.4 0.6 1.4	0.7 0.1 0.5 0.2	2.0 1.1 3.4 6.3 12.7	0.0 0.0 0.1 0.2	15.9 18.1 22.7 21.6 33.8	9.9 11.2 13.4 11.5 18.2	4.6 6.7 8.9 9.9 15.6	1.4 0.2 0.4 0.2 0.0	35.5 31.5 24.5 26.1 21.7	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	1,258 1,317 1,018 908 733
Number of living children No children 1 child 1 son	25.1 66.5 66.8	7.6 32.1 33.2	0.3 3.7 4.1	0.5 0.7 0.7	2.0 20.1 21.1	0.0 0.7 0.5	0.0 0.1 0.3	4.8 6.9 6.6	0.0	17.5 34.3 33.5	9.0 18.9 21.2	8.5 15.2 12.3	0.0 0.3 0.0	74.9 33.5 33.2	100.0 100.0 100.0	563 1,190 672
No sons 2 children 1 or more sons	66.1 81.6 83.7	33.2 30.7 60.5 64.2	4.1 3.1 41.8 46.4	0.6 0.9 0.9	18.8 11.6 10.8	0.8	0.0 0.0 0.3	7.3 4.8 4.8	0.0 0.2 0.1	35.5 35.4 21.1 19.5	15.8 12.2 11.1	19.0 8.3 7.6	0.6 0.6 0.7	33.2 33.9 18.4 16.3	100.0	517 1,576 1,268
No sons 3 children 1 or more sons No sons	73.2 83.9 85.0 74.7	45.5 71.2 73.2 53.8	23.2 57.7 60.3 35.3	1.0 0.8 0.9 0.0	15.1 9.8 9.4 13.7	0.9 0.6 0.5 1.6	0.0 0.5 0.5	4.8 1.8 1.6 3.2	0.5 0.0 0.0	27.7 12.7 11.8 20.9	16.8 8.7 8.1 13.4	11.0 3.3 3.0 6.1	0.0 0.8 0.7 1.5	26.8 16.1 15.0 25.3	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	308 961 860 101
1 or more sons No sons	73.9 (82.1)	58.2 (57.3)	46.0 (25.6)	0.7	8.3 (17.8)	0.7	0.7	1.9 (13.9)	0.0	15.7	9.4 9.4 (21.3)	5.5	0.8	26.1 (17.9)	100.0	901
Total NFHS-2 (1998-99) NFHS-1 (1992-93)	71.2 66.6 57.7	49.9 47.3 37.6	32.2 32.0 26.5	0.7 1.8 4.3	11.7 9.2 3.6	0.6 1.4 1.3	0.3 na 0.1	4.3 2.9 1.9	0.1 na na	21.3 na na	12.3 8.7 11.3	8.4 9.8 8.3	0.5 na na	28.8 33.4 42.3	100.0 100.0 100.0	5,234 4,116 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.