



Contraceptive Method	Failure Rate in Preventing Pregnancies (pregnancies per 100 users per year)
Depo Provera Injection	3% with typical use ¹
Patch (Ortho Evra)	8% ²
Vaginal Ring (Nuva Ring)	8% ²
Tubal Ligation	0.5% ²
Mini-pills (progestin-only pills)	8% with typical use ¹
IUD (dependent upon type of IUD)	1.8% ²
Birth Control Pills	8% with typical use ¹
Condom: Male	15% with typical use ¹
Condom: Female	21% with typical use ¹
Cervical Cap (Women who have not delivered vaginally)	16% with typical use in women who have not delivered vaginally ¹
Reality Sponge (women with no children)	16% ²
Reality Sponge (women with children)	32% ²
Diaphragm Spermicide only	16% with typical use ¹ 29% ²
Cervical Cap (Women who have delivered vaginally)	32% with typical use in women who have delivered vaginally ¹

- Note: [Contraception failure rate for teen women within two years of beginning use is 21%](#)

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