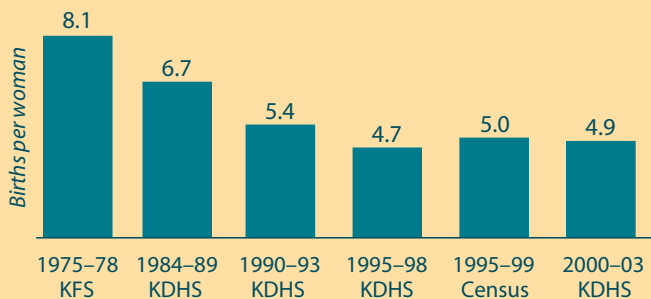


Fertility and Family Planning in the 2003 Kenya DHS

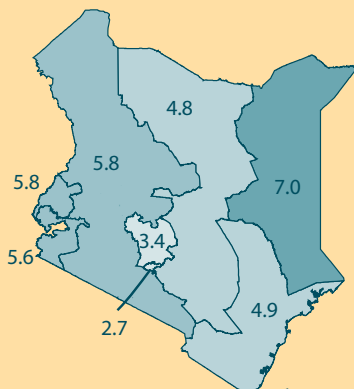
According to the 2003 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (KDHS), Kenyan women have about 5 children, on average. This rate has not changed much in the last 15 years. Many women wish to delay or end childbearing, yet only 39 percent of currently married women is using a modern contraceptive method. The KDHS also collects information on other determinants of fertility, including birth intervals, women's age at first birth and teen-age childbearing.

Trends in Fertility, 1975–2003



Total Fertility Rate (births per woman)

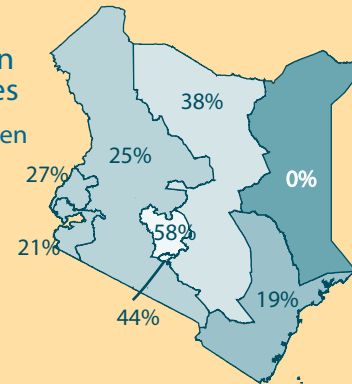
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Family Planning

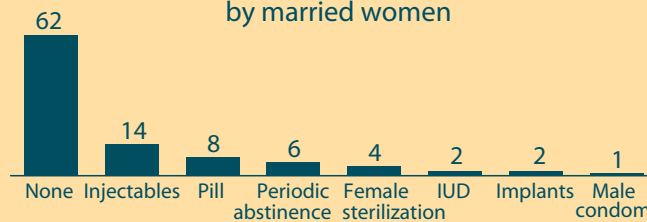
Use of Modern Contraceptives by married women

Kenya: 32%



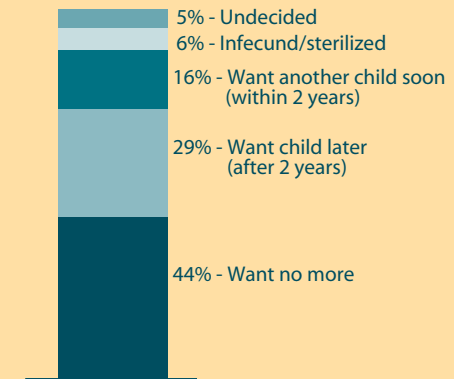
Almost all married women in Kenya know about at least one modern method of contraception, but only 39 percent currently use a modern method.

Current Use of Contraceptive Methods by married women

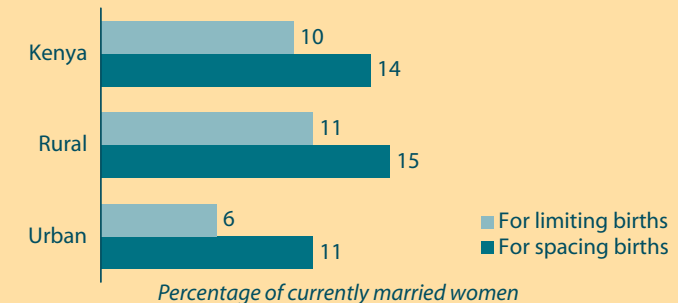


Thirty-eight percent of family planning users discontinue using the method within 12 months of starting use.

Fertility Preferences among married women

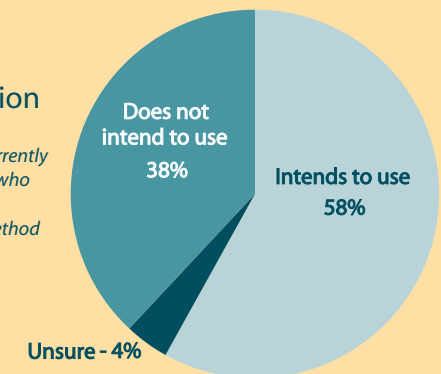


Unmet Need for Family Planning



Future Use of Contraception

Percentage of currently married women who are not using a contraceptive method

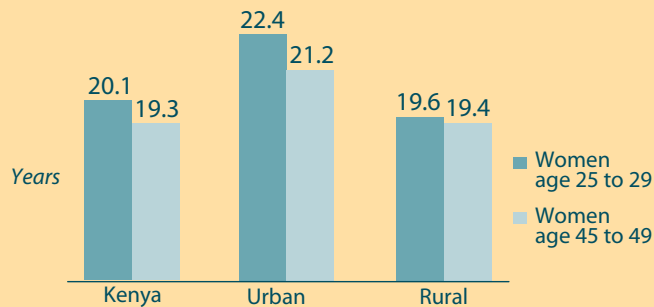


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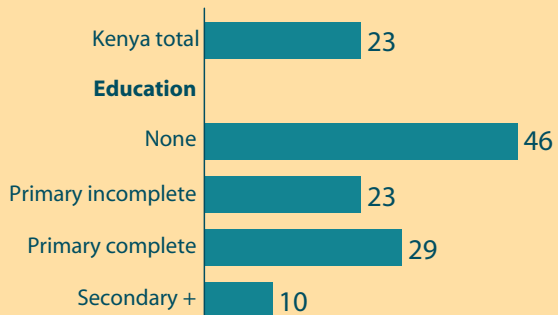
Birth Intervals

Almost one in four births occurs less than 24 months after the preceding birth. This short interval increases the risk of infant mortality.

Median Age at First Childbearing



Teenage Childbearing



Percentage of women age 15-19 who are mothers or pregnant with their first child

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