



Failure Rates of Various Birth Control Methods

Birth Control Method	Failure Rate (reported pregnancies per 100 women/year)
Intrauterine system (IUS)	0.2
Male sterilization (vasectomy)	0.0 to 2.2
Female sterilization (tubal ligation)	0.9 to 1.8
Intrauterine device (IUD)	1 to 6
Injection	0.3
Contraceptive ring	1 to 2
Oral contraceptive pill	1 to 2
Contraceptive patch	1
Male condom	2-12
Female condom	2-12
Diaphragm	20
Cervical cap	20
Spermicides	3 to 21
Sponge (in women who have given birth)	3 to 28

Talk to your healthcare professional to ensure that you are using your birth control method properly.