

## CHAPTER 23: FAMILY PLANNING

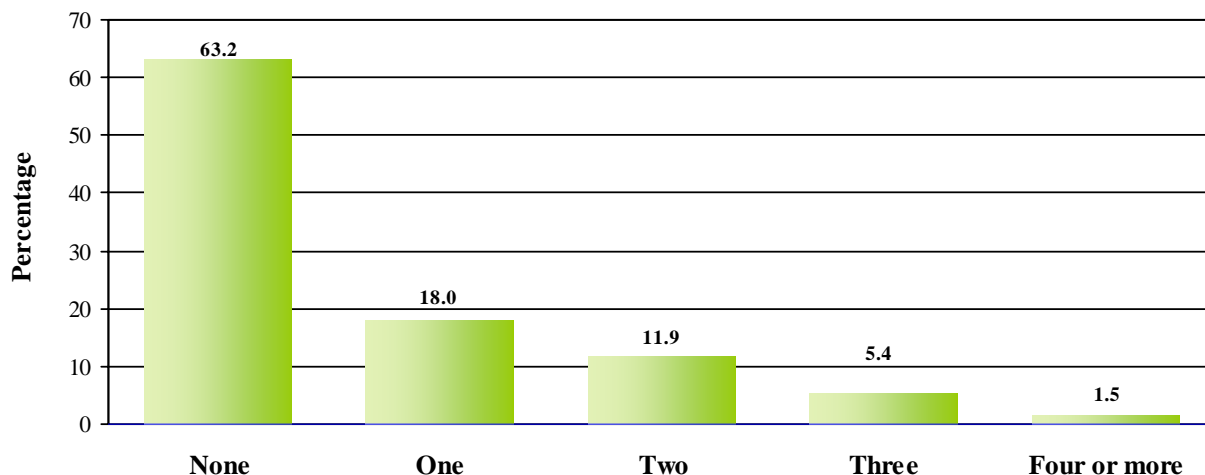
### Children Currently in Household in 2004

**Definition** Answered one or more children to the following question: “How many children less than 18 years of age live in your household?”

**Table 23.1 Adults in households with at least one child by demographic characteristics: WVBRFSS, 2004**

Characteristic	Men			Women			Total		
	# Resp.	%	95% CI	# Resp.	%	95% CI	# Resp.	%	95% CI
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,321	<b>36.8</b>	33.7-39.9	2,120	<b>36.9</b>	34.5-39.3	3,441	<b>36.8</b>	34.9-38.8
<b>Age</b>									
18-24	75	<b>41.9</b>	29.6-54.2	115	<b>49.8</b>	39.8-59.8	190	<b>45.8</b>	37.8-53.7
25-34	181	<b>59.5</b>	51.8-67.2	282	<b>78.7</b>	73.4-84.0	463	<b>69.0</b>	64.3-73.8
35-44	237	<b>66.3</b>	60.0-72.6	361	<b>70.2</b>	65.1-75.4	598	<b>68.3</b>	64.2-72.3
45-54	298	<b>36.4</b>	30.5-42.4	401	<b>26.8</b>	22.0-31.6	699	<b>31.6</b>	27.7-35.4
55-64	256	<b>6.5</b>	3.0-9.9	380	<b>9.0</b>	5.3-12.7	636	<b>7.8</b>	5.2-10.3
65+	272	<b>5.4</b>	2.2-8.7	577	<b>2.8</b>	1.0-4.6	849	<b>3.9</b>	2.2-5.6
<b>Education</b>									
Less than H.S.	226	<b>32.0</b>	24.7-39.3	402	<b>26.9</b>	21.5-32.3	628	<b>29.2</b>	24.7-33.6
H.S. or G.E.D.	527	<b>38.5</b>	33.7-43.4	797	<b>36.9</b>	33.0-40.8	1,324	<b>37.7</b>	34.6-40.9
Some Post-H.S.	260	<b>35.0</b>	27.8-42.3	471	<b>41.7</b>	36.5-46.9	731	<b>38.6</b>	34.3-43.0
College Graduate	306	<b>39.0</b>	33.0-45.0	447	<b>40.6</b>	35.4-45.7	753	<b>39.8</b>	35.9-43.8
<b>Income</b>									
Less than \$15,000	168	<b>31.3</b>	21.6-41.1	465	<b>26.8</b>	22.1-31.5	633	<b>28.5</b>	23.7-33.3
\$15,000- 24,999	262	<b>34.4</b>	27.7-41.2	403	<b>39.7</b>	34.1-45.3	665	<b>37.2</b>	32.8-41.5
\$25,000- 34,999	165	<b>34.9</b>	26.2-43.6	253	<b>39.9</b>	32.8-47.0	418	<b>37.5</b>	31.9-43.1
\$35,000- 49,999	215	<b>43.4</b>	35.8-50.9	305	<b>44.9</b>	38.8-51.0	520	<b>44.2</b>	39.3-49.0
\$50,000- 74,999	214	<b>47.6</b>	40.0-55.3	230	<b>40.9</b>	33.8-48.1	444	<b>44.7</b>	39.4-50.0
\$75,000+	187	<b>31.7</b>	24.7-38.8	189	<b>47.3</b>	39.4-55.2	376	<b>38.5</b>	33.2-43.9

**Figure 23.1 Adults by number of children in household: WVBRFSS, 2004**



## Children Being Planned in 2004

<b>Definition</b>	Responded that a child is wanted, in answer to the question: "How do you feel about having a child sometime in the future?"
<b>Prevalence</b>	<b>WV: 46.2%</b> (95% CI: 41.8-50.6) in 2004. <b>US: 41.5%</b> (95% CI: 40.8-42.2) in 2004. West Virginia ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> highest among 52 BRFSS participants in 2004.
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men:</b> 41.1% (95% CI: 34.9-47.3) in 2004 <b>Women:</b> 52.9% (95% CI: 46.8-58.9) in 2004 The difference in child planning between men and women was not significant.
<b>Age</b>	Wanting children in the future varied steeply and significantly by age, with the highest prevalence among the youngest adults. Among the younger ages, the groups differed little by gender, but the variations by overall age in wanting children were all significant and reliable. More than three-fourths (78.7%) of all adults aged 18-24 reported wanting children. This dropped significantly to only half among those aged 25-34 (50.4%), and the prevalence among the adults aged 35-44 dropped significantly again, to only about one in four (22.6%).
<b>Education</b>	There were no significant differences in wanting children by education level.
<b>Household Income</b>	No significant differences in plans to have children were noted by household income.

**Table 23.2 Adults who want a child in the future by demographic characteristics: WVBRFSS, 2004**

Characteristic	Men aged 18-59			Women not pregnant and aged 18-44			Total **		
	# Resp.	%	95% CI	# Resp.	%	95% CI	# Resp.	%	95% CI
<b>TOTAL</b>	328	<b>41.1</b>	34.9-47.3	325	<b>52.9</b>	46.8-58.9	653	<b>46.2</b>	41.8-50.6
<b>Age</b>									
18-24	33	<b>*84.2</b>	71.8-96.6	78	<b>*75.1</b>	64.6-85.5	111	<b>78.7</b>	70.6-86.8
25-34	95	<b>*49.4</b>	38.6-60.2	140	<b>*51.5</b>	42.8-60.3	235	<b>50.4</b>	43.4-57.4
35-44	83	<b>22.5</b>	13.3-31.8	107	<b>22.7</b>	14.3-31.2	190	<b>22.6</b>	16.3-28.9
45-54	82	<b>17.5</b>	9.2-25.8				82	<b>17.5</b>	9.2-25.8
55-59	35	<b>*18.5</b>	4.6-32.3				35	<b>*18.5</b>	4.6-32.3
60+									

\* Use caution when interpreting and reporting this estimate. See discussion of unstable estimates on page 9.

\*\* The total prevalence shown above includes only non-pregnant women aged 18-44 and men aged 18-59.

### QUICK STATS

- 3.9% of the adult female population between the ages of 18 and 44 typically were pregnant at the same time during 2004.

## Pregnancy Prevention Issues in 2004

**Table 23.3 Adults currently taking steps to avoid pregnancy by demographic characteristics: WVBRFSS, 2004**

Characteristic	Women aged 18-44, sexually active, not pregnant			Men aged 18-59, sexually active		
	# Resp.	%	95% CI	# Resp.	%	95% CI
<b>Sex</b>						
Males				747	<b>58.0</b>	54.1-61.9
Females	563	<b>75.4</b>	71.4-79.4			
<b>Age</b>						
18-24	83	<b>79.2</b>	69.7-88.8	41	<b>* 69.3</b>	53.9-84.8
25-34	219	<b>75.1</b>	69.0-81.3	157	<b>71.4</b>	63.6-79.2
35-44	261	<b>73.4</b>	67.4-79.4	198	<b>62.7</b>	55.4-69.9
45-54				238	<b>48.8</b>	42.0-55.6
55-59				113	<b>32.4</b>	23.5-41.4
60+						
<b>Education</b>						
Less than H.S.	62	<b>* 56.4</b>	42.2-70.5	86	<b>* 49.9</b>	38.2-61.5
H.S. or G.E.D.	191	<b>75.0</b>	68.2-81.9	304	<b>58.1</b>	51.9-64.2
Some Post-H.S.	166	<b>81.4</b>	75.0-87.8	164	<b>57.4</b>	48.7-66.0
College Graduate	144	<b>77.9</b>	70.7-85.2	193	<b>62.6</b>	55.4-69.9
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$15,000	80	<b>* 73.3</b>	60.9-85.7	57	<b>* 57.0</b>	41.5-72.5
\$15,000- 24,999	109	<b>70.8</b>	61.2-80.5	112	<b>* 54.5</b>	44.3-64.6
\$25,000- 34,999	71	<b>* 79.5</b>	67.8-91.3	84	<b>* 55.8</b>	44.0-67.5
\$35,000-49,999	103	<b>77.0</b>	68.6-85.4	148	<b>62.5</b>	54.2-70.9
\$50,000-74,000	88	<b>* 70.4</b>	60.1-80.7	165	<b>60.3</b>	52.1-68.5
\$75,000+	69	<b>82.2</b>	73.0-91.4	145	<b>53.9</b>	45.2-62.5

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**Figure 23.2 Types of contraception among adults taking steps to prevent pregnancy: WVBRFSS, 2004**

