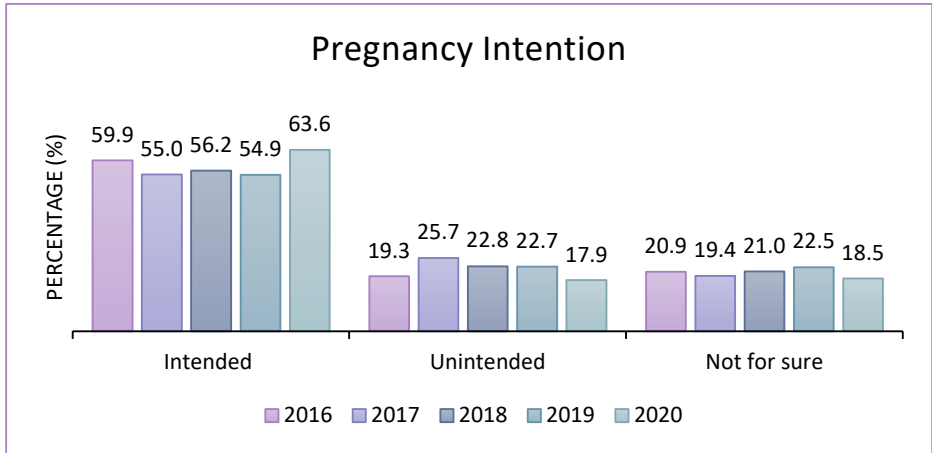


UNINTENDED PREGNANCY

is defined as a pregnancy that is either unwanted, meaning no children are desired, or mistimed.¹

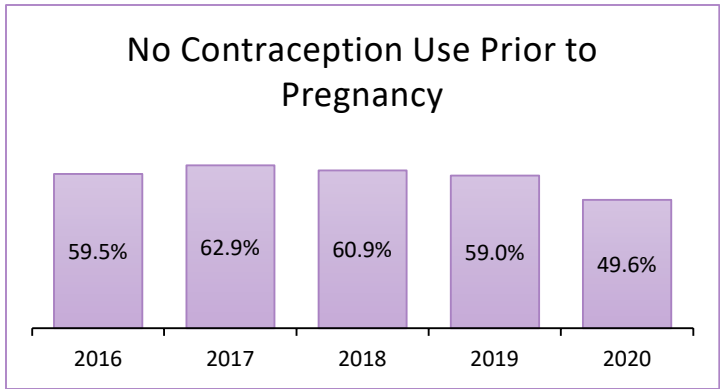
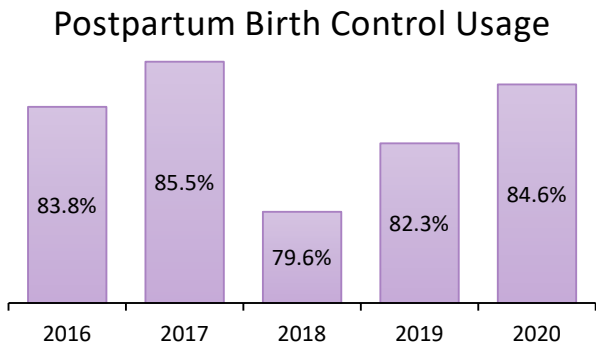
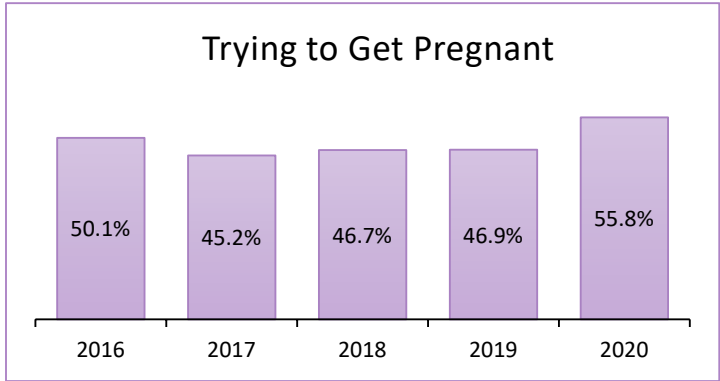
- Unintended pregnancies are associated with an increased risk of problems for mother and infant.¹
- Mothers who have an unintended pregnancy may have unhealthy behaviors or delay getting healthcare during the pregnancy, which could have a negative impact on the infant's health.¹
- CDC recommends that women of reproductive age adopt healthy behaviors prior to conception.¹



- Up to 26% of pregnancies from 2016-2020 were unintended, increasing in 2017.
- Over 50% of pregnancies were intended in the same span of time.

• Preconception health services aim to promote the health of women (and men) of reproductive age before conceiving a child and to help reduce pregnancy-related adverse outcomes such as low birthweight, premature birth, and infant mortality.¹

- Between 2016-2020, roughly 50% of women reported they were trying to get pregnant when they became pregnant.
- If mothers answered “no” they were not trying to get pregnant at conception, they were then asked if contraception was used prior to pregnancy.



Aside from 2018, over 82% of West Virginia mothers reported postpartum contraception usage from 2016-2020.

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