

Men and contraception

- 1 out of 10 adolescent males do not know the risks of waiting until just before ejaculation to put on a condom
- 1 in 4 adolescent males do not know that they must hold the condom as they withdraw after sex is over
- 1/3 of adolescent males do not know that oil-based lubricants can cause condoms to break
- Adolescent males with traditional attitudes toward masculinity are more likely to practice a lower and less consistent use of condoms, with a weaker belief that it is the man's role to prevent pregnancy and with a stronger belief that pregnancy validates a man's masculinity
- 60% of adolescent males age 15-19 used a condom the first time they had sexual intercourse, whereas only 40% of the same demographic used a condom the last time they had sexual intercourse
- 83% of adolescent males use a condom for the sole purpose of preventing a pregnancy from occurring
- 50% of sexually active men in their early 20's who are not in a union do not regularly use a condom
- 34% of first-time fathers in their 20's said that the child was born earlier than intended
- 15% of first-time fathers in their 20's said that no time would be good to have a child

Source: *In Their Own Right: Addressing the sexual and reproductive health needs of American men.* The Alan Guttmacher Institute.