

Liberia Contraception within the context of adolescents' sexual and reproductive lives: Country profile

| SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Both Sexes | Female | | Male | |
| | 10-19 years | 10-14 years | 15-19 years | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
| Total population of adolescents (millions) ¹ (2020) | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| % of total population that are adolescents ¹ (2020) | 23.2 | 12.2 | 10.8 | 12.5 | 11.0 |
| % of adolescents that live in rural areas ² (2014) | 47.8 | 47.5 | 47.0 | 50.4 | 45.7 |
| % of total rural population that are adolescents ² (2014) | 22.0 | 11.5 | 9.6 | 13.0 | 9.9 |
| % of total urban population that are adolescents ² (2014) | 24.4 | 13.4 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 11.4 |
| % national monetary child poverty ³ (2017) | No data | | | | |
| Completion rate for lower secondary school ⁴ (2013) | Female | 22.7 | | | |
| | Male | 28.5 | | | |
| Completion rate for upper secondary school ⁴ (2013) | Female | 9.2 | | | |
| | Male | 17.3 | | | |
| Out of school rate ⁴ (2015) | Female | 32.1 | | | |
| | Male | 22.9 | | | |

| CHILD MARRIAGE/UNION STATUS ⁵ (2013) | | |
|---|--------|------|
| | Female | Male |
| Adolescents, 15-19, who are married/ in union (%) | 14.4 | 1.5 |
| % married/in union before age 15 (aged 20-24) | 8.8 | 0.7 |
| % married/in union before age 18 (aged 20-24) | 35.9 | 4.7 |

| FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
| % of girls who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting | No data | No data |

| GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| % of girls who report experiencing ⁸ (2007): | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
| Physical violence in the last 12 months | No data | 23.2 |
| Sexual violence in the last 12 months | No data | 5.0 |
| % of adolescents (aged 15-19) who think a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife in certain circumstances ⁵ (2013) | | |
| Female | Male | |
| 45.1 | 29.2 | |

| SEXUAL ACTIVITY ⁵ (2013) | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Female | | Male | |
| | 10-14 years | 15-19 years | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
| % of adolescents engaged in pre-coital physical behavior | No data | No data | No data | No data |
| % of adolescents that ever-had sex | No data | 70.0 | No data | 41.1 |
| % of adolescents having had sex by age 15 | No data | 23.3 | No data | 8.9 |
| % of adolescents sexually active in the last month | No data | 38.0 | No data | 19.4 |

| CHILDBEARING | | |
|---|-------------|---------|
| % of adolescent girls who have begun childbearing ⁶ (2019-20) | 10-14 years | No data |
| | 15-19 years | 30.3 |
| % of women (aged 20-24) who gave birth before 18 years ⁵ (2013) | 37.0 | |
| Number of births per 1,000 girls, 15-19 ⁷ (2019) | 134.0 | |
| % of adolescent girls (aged 15-19) with live births who received antenatal care (ANC4+ visits) ⁶ (2019-20) | 86.2 | |
| % of births among girls (aged 15-19) attended by skilled health personnel ⁶ (2019-20) | 84.4 | |

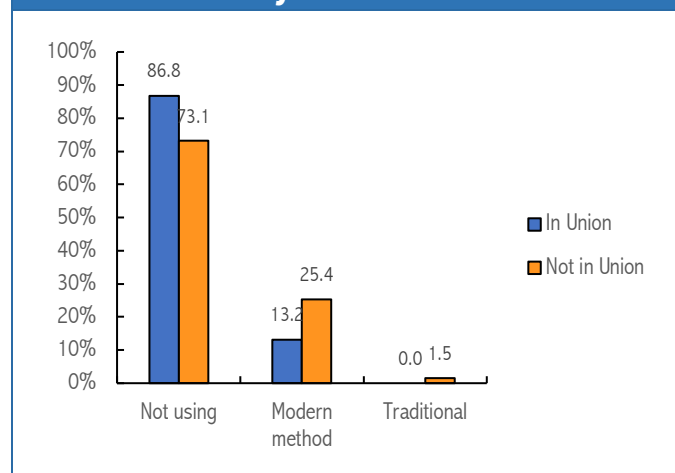
ABORTION

| | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Abortion rate per 1,000 girls | No data | No data |

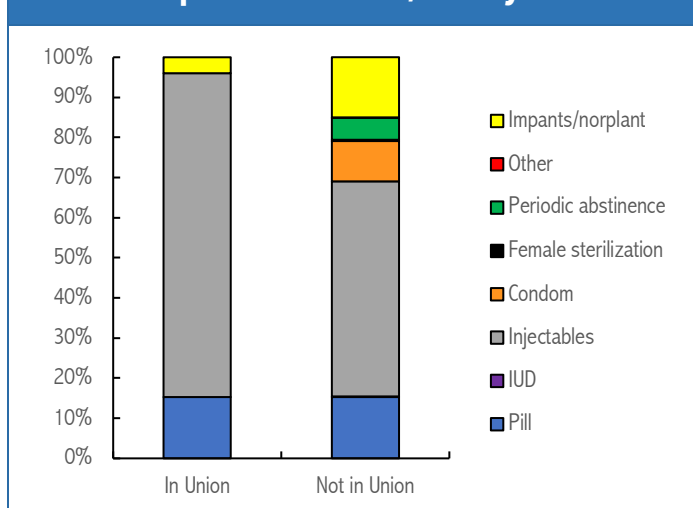
FERTILITY INTENTIONS & CONTRACEPTIVE USE^{5,9} (2013)

| % of most recent pregnancies experienced by adolescent girls aged 15-19, including current pregnancies by planning status | Married/ in union | Unmarried/ not in union |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Last pregnancy wanted (<2 years) | 57.5 | 35.9 |
| Last pregnancy wanted later (>=2 years) | 42.3 | 63.9 |
| Last pregnancy not wanted at all | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| % of adolescent girls (aged 15-19) with an unmet need for modern methods of contraception | 46.6 | 59.5* |
| % of sexually active unmarried adolescent girls (aged 15-19) who currently use at least one method of modern contraception | 25.0 | |

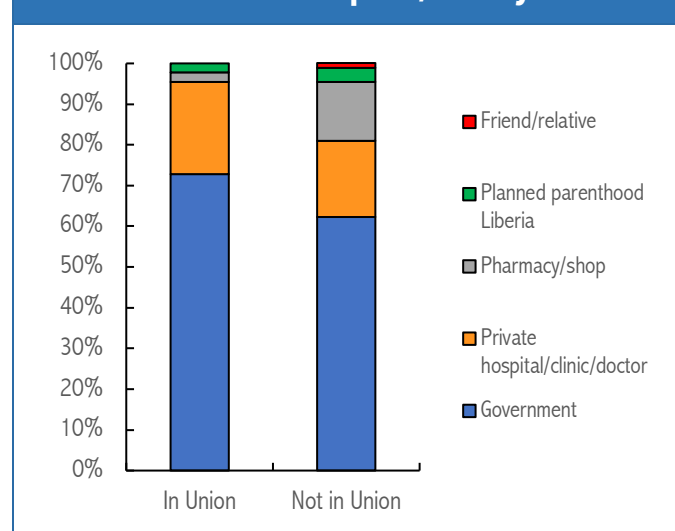
Current use and non-use of contraception, 15-19 years⁹ (2013)



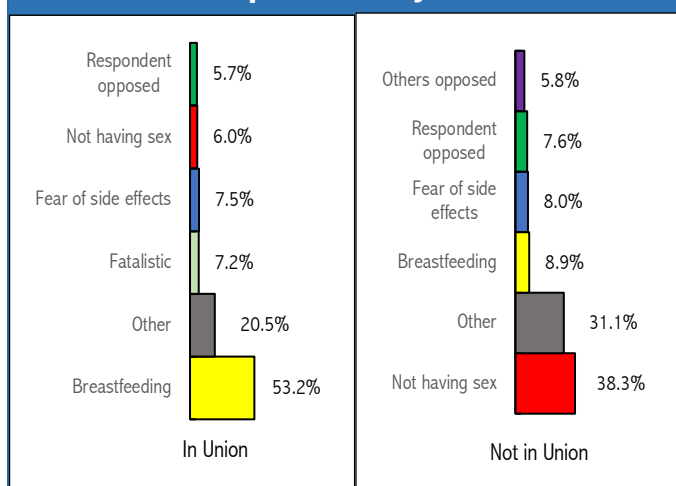
Contraceptive method mix, 15-19 years⁹ (2013)



Main sources of contraception, 15-19 years⁹ (2013)



Main reasons for not intending to use contraception, 15-19 years⁹ (2013)



HIV/AIDS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIs) AND HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV)

| | Female | | | Male | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 10-19 years | 10-14 years | 15-19 years | 10-19 years | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
| Number of adolescents living with HIV ¹⁰ (2020) | 2,300 | 700 | 1,600 | 1,800 | 730 | 1,000 |
| Number of new HIV infections among adolescents per year ¹⁰ (2020) | <500 | No data | <500 | <200 | No data | <200 |
| % of adolescents with comprehensive knowledge about AIDS ⁵ (2013) | No data | No data | 34.6 | No data | No data | 19.0 |
| % prevalence of sexually transmitted infections among adolescents ⁵ (2013) | No data | No data | 49.6 | No data | No data | 14.2 |
| % of sexually active adolescents who had an HIV test in the last 12 months and received the results ⁵ (2013) | No data | No data | 17.0 | No data | No data | 8.1 |
| % of girls, 15 or older, who have completed the full three dose vaccination schedule for HPV | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data | No data |

MENSTRUAL HEALTH

| | 10-14 years | 15-19 years |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| % of adolescent girls who were aware of menstruation before the onset of their first menstruation | No data | No data |
| % of adolescent girls who did not participate in social activities, school, or work due to their last menstruation in the last 12 months | No data | No data |

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