Côte d’Ivoire has a large youth population

Population Age-Sex Pyramid

More than 6 in 10 (60.8%) people in Côte d’Ivoire are under 24 years of age. More than 1 in 5 (21.7%) are adolescents (age 10-19 years).

Young women predominantly live in urban areas, and the majority have only primary or no education

Distribution of Female Youth Population (%)

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*Education defined as ever attended

Median** Age at Reproductive Events

Urban

Average 1.3 children at 1st use

Rural

Average 2.8 children at 1st use

**Median ages are calculated among women age 25-49 to reduce censoring
First sex, first contraceptive use: 15-49 years; first marriage, first birth: 25-49 years
Marked differences in patterns of early marriage and childbearing exist among young women age 18-24

Life events by age 18, by education

None of the women age 18 to 24 surveyed who had secondary or higher education were married at age 18.

Unmarried sexually active women are less likely to use highly effective contraceptive methods

Method mix among modern users age 15-24, by marital status

Young unmarried users are less likely than contraceptive users in union to access methods from public facilities and to receive counseling services

Source of contraceptives and counseling among modern contraceptive users age 15-24, by marital status

Sample Design

PMA2017/Côte d’Ivoire data provide representative estimates at the national level. A total of 73 enumerations areas (EAs) were selected by the National Statistics Institute using probability proportional to size, from a sampling frame provided by the Fourth General Census of Population and Housing in 2014. Structures, households, and service delivery points (SDPs) were enumerated in each selected EA. Thirty-five households were selected randomly from each EA. All eligible women age 15-49 in the sampled households were contacted and consented for interviews. The SDP sample included three public SDPs that serve an EA and up to three private SDPs within the EA. Data were collected September-October 2017. The final sample included 2,402 household (96.0% response rate), 2,738 women (97.1% response rate) including 1,103 women age 15-24 (97.4% response rate), and 141 SDPs (95.9% response rate), of which 106 are public.