KEY MESSAGES

- Kinshasa has a large adolescent and youth population.
- The majority of young women have attended middle school.
- On average, women use contraception for the first time more than 3 years after initiating sex.
- Approximately 4 in 10 unmarried sexually active and 1 in 3 women in union age 15-24 use a modern contraceptive.
- Unmarried users are less likely to be counseled on other methods or side effects.

**Median** Age at Reproductive Events

- **First sex**: 17.4
- **First contraceptive use**: 20.7
- **First marriage**: 21.9
- **First birth**: 22.8

**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

On average, women in Kinshasa use contraception for 2 years before their first birth.

**Percent of Total Population**

- More than half (57%) of people in Kinshasa are under 24 years of age; 23% are adolescents (age 10-19 years).

**Distribution of Female Youth Population (%)**

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*Education defined as ever attended
Marked differences in patterns of early marriage and childbearing exist among young women age 18-24

Marriage and childbearing by age 18, by education

The percentage of women who are married by age 18 is lower among women who have attended post primary or secondary school than women with no or only primary education. 37% of women with no or only primary education have given birth by age 18, compared to 8% of women with post primary or secondary education.

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

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

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

Sample design

PMA2017/Kinshasa Round 6 used a two-stage cluster design to draw a representative urban sample of 58 enumeration areas (EA) in Kinshasa, using selection probabilities proportional to EA size. Sampling and listing of households occurred prior to the start of data collection. For each EA, 33 households were randomly selected, and all women of reproductive age (ages 15-49) within each selected household were contacted and consented to be interviewed. A total of 1,850 households (98.2% response rate), and 2,568 females (95.4% response rate), including 1,079 females age 15-24, were interviewed, along with 177 SDPs (95.7% response rate). Data collection for Round 6 was conducted between September and November 2017.