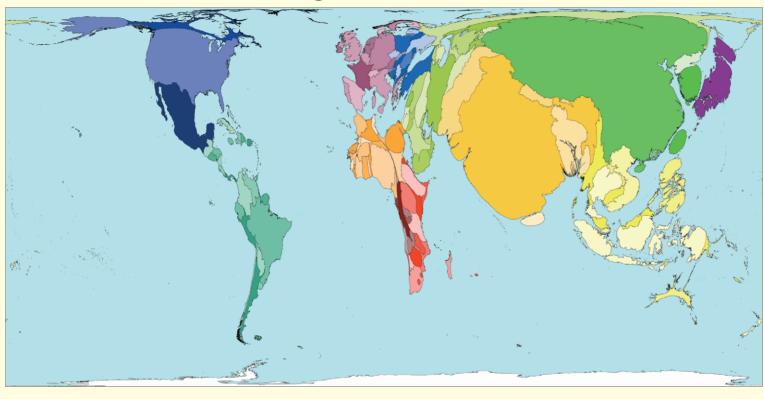
Condom Use by Women





Condoms are the only contraceptive that also provide the users with protection from sexually transmitted infections (STI). It is sensible for someone to use a condom if they have sex with a person who they are not certain does not have any infections. Often people are themselves unaware of whether they have an STI.

This map shows the distribution of young women who did use a condom last time they had 'high-risk' sex. That is sex with someone they are not married to or do not live with. Not everyone has access to condoms, can demand their use, or wants to use them. Only 40% of young women around the world used condoms the last time they had risky sex.

Territory size shows the proportion of all girls and women aged 15-24 years old worldwide who used a condom last time they had high-risk sex.



Land area

Technical notes

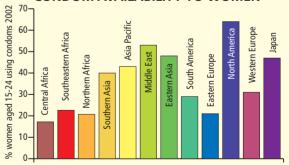
- Data are from the United Nations Development Programme's 2004 Human Development Report.
- *Recorded at 0 in Georgia. Data estimated from regional averages not included in chart.
- · See website for further information.

MOST AND LEAST FEMALE CONDOM USE

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Paraguay	79	188	Nicaragua	17
2	Botswana	75	191	Cameroon	16
3	Canada	72	192	Mali	14
4	Lebanon	69	192	Kenya	14
5	Latvia	66	194	Dem Republic Congo	13
6	Kazakhstan	65	195	Madagascar	13
6	United States	65	196	Congo	12
10	Mexico	57	196	Dominican Republic	12
39	Uganda	44	198	Bolivia	8
40	Cambodia	43	199	Chad	3

percentage of girls and women aged 15-24 using condoms 2002*

CONDOM AVAILABILITY TO WOMEN



"In many societies, it is taboo even at home to speak about sexual matters, sexual choices and sexual diseases..."