

# Analysis of condom use at last sex and sexual debut using the National Survey of Family Growth, Cycle 6

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## Significance of Study

### HIV/AIDS is still a growing problem

25% of HIV diagnosis in women, 2005

### Gender roles and condoms

Women are less likely than men to carry condoms and more uncomfortable discussing condoms with partners

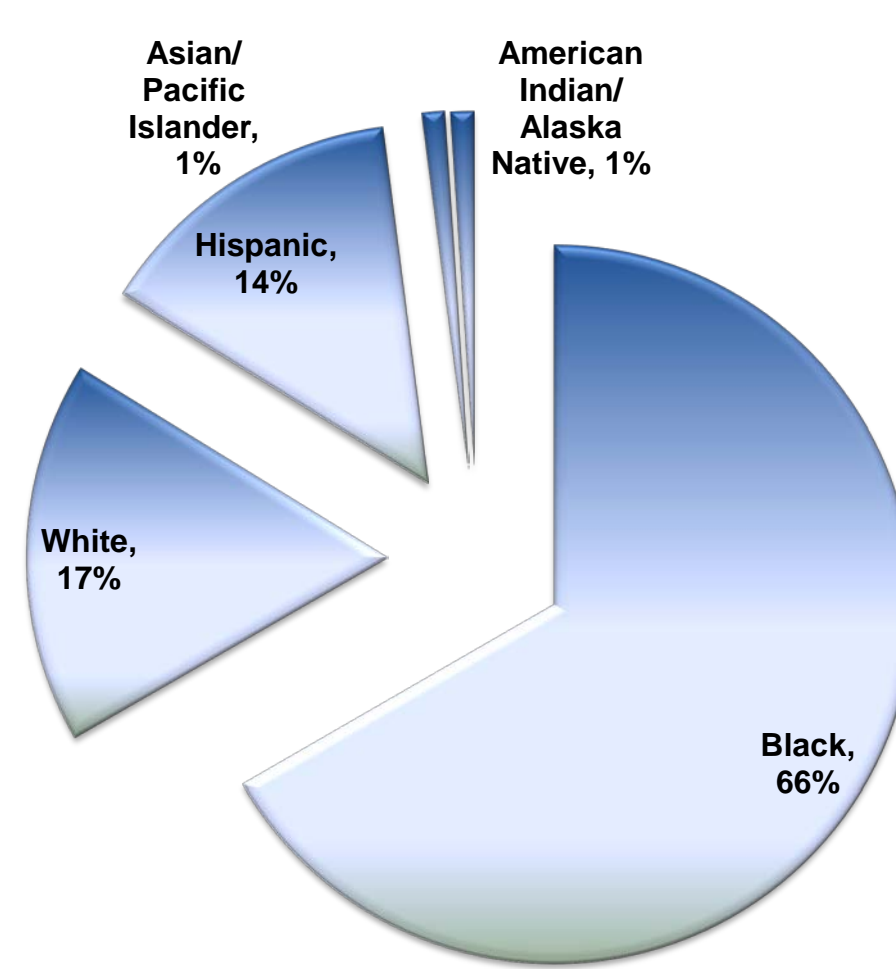
### Race matters

Highest HIV incidence is among Black women  
A study found being white, female, and intoxicated at last sex lowered the odds of using condoms at most recent sex

### National Survey of Family Growth, Cycle 6

As a national dataset, it has been under-utilized for studies assessing condom use in adult women

Race/ethnicity of women diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, 2005



As Reported by the CDC

## Purpose and Hypothesis

The purpose of this study was to use the NSFG to: investigate the observed association of condom use at last sex and condom use at sexual debut in women of reproductive age, assess differences in condom use behavior by race, and evaluate the effect of age at sexual debut and number of sexual partners has on condom use at last sex.

**Hypothesis 1:** Women who report using condoms at last sex will have greater odds of reported condom use at sexual debut.

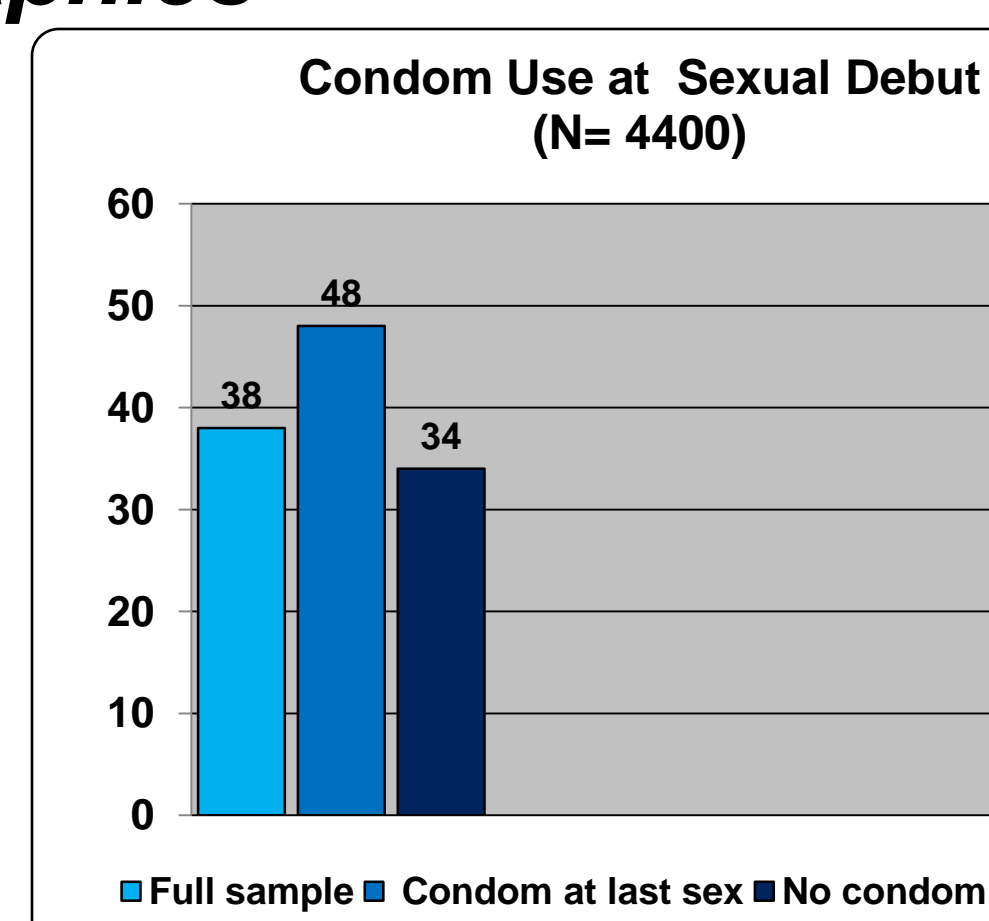
**Hypothesis 2:** Reported condom use at last sex among women of reproductive age will differ based on race.

**Hypothesis 3:** Condom use at last sex will be affected by age at sexual debut and reported number of sexual partners.

## Methods

### Demographics

	Full Sample (N= 4400)	Used condoms at last sex (N=1222)	No condoms used at last sex (N=3178)
Used condom last sex	28	28	n/a
Used condom at 1 <sup>st</sup> sex	38	48	34
Race/Ethnicity			
White	58	49	62
Black	19	24	16
Latino	19	20	19
Other	5	7	3
Marital Status			
Married	46	31	52
Cohabitate	11	9	12
No longer married	11	11	11
Never married	31	49	25
HIV tested	49	63	65
	Mean	Standard Deviation	
Age	30.17	7.81	
Education	13.27	2.59	
Income	\$45,890	\$34,960	
Age at 1 <sup>st</sup> sex	17.24	3.11	
No. partners	6.12	7.43	



Overall, condom use at last sex is low (28%) in adult women.  
66% of women report no condom use at last sex and at sexual debut.  
Of women with no condom use at 1<sup>st</sup> sex, 23% used condoms at last sex  
More women report condom use at last sex when condom use is reported at sexual debut.

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### Study Design

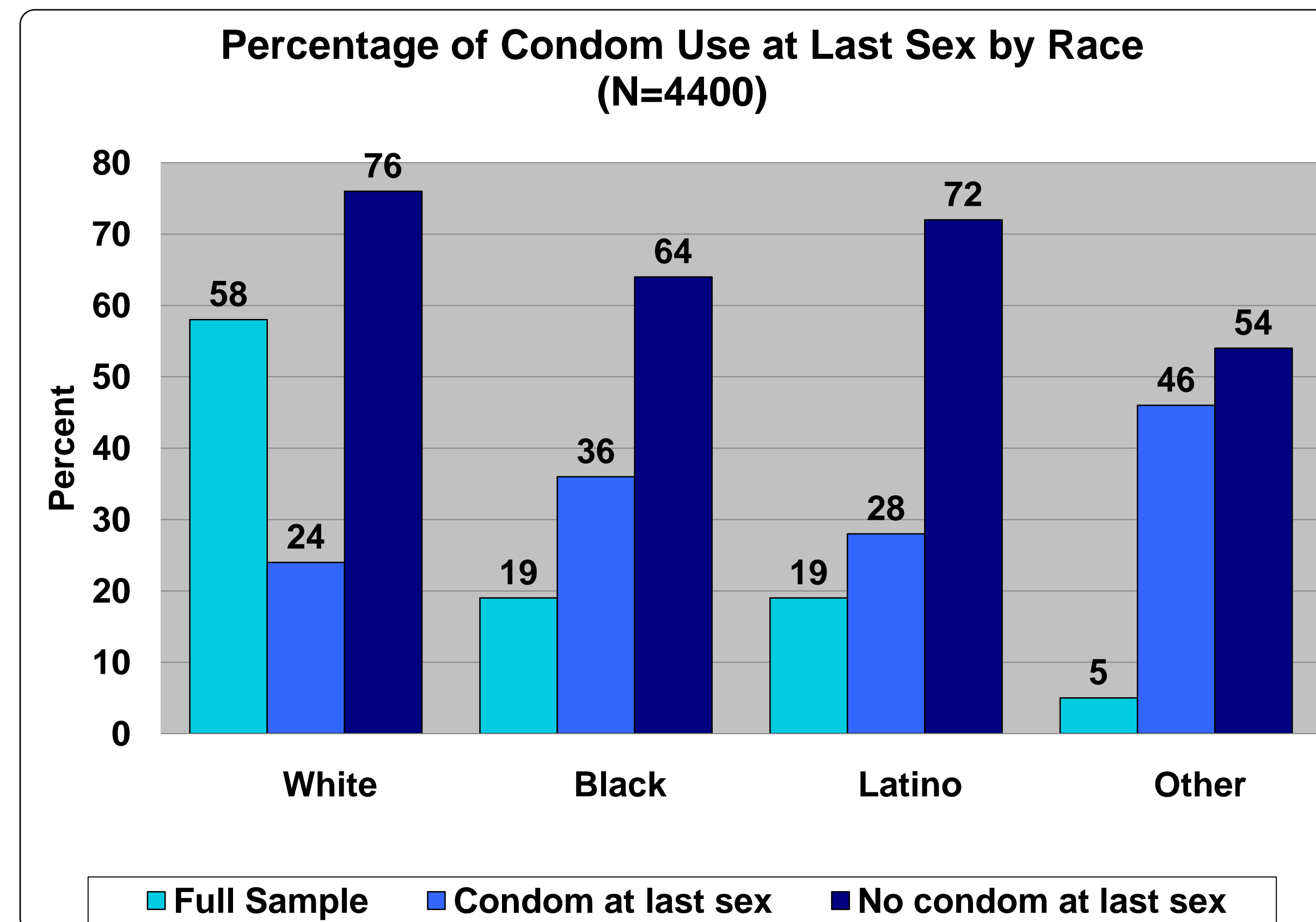
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### Data collection

Face-to-face interviews  
National sample of US households

### Analytic Sample

Sexually active women, ages 15-44 years



### Variables

#### Sociodemographic

Age, education, race/ethnicity, marital status, income

#### Condom use at last sex and 1<sup>st</sup> sex

Coded yes (1) or no (2)

#### Sexual Activity

Age at 1<sup>st</sup> sex, number of lifetime partners, HIV test

### Secondary Data Analysis

#### Pearson's chi square tests

#### Logistic Regression used to determine:

Odds of using condoms at last sex if used condoms at sexual debut  
Interaction between condom use at 1<sup>st</sup> sex and race  
Interaction between age at 1<sup>st</sup> sex and number of partners

## Results

### Logistic Regression Models of Condom Use at Last Sex (N=4400)

Model 1	Odds Ratio	95% C.I.	Model 2- Interactions	Odds Ratio	95% C.I.
Condom use at 1 <sup>st</sup> sex	1.66	(1.43-1.92)**	Condom use at 1 <sup>st</sup> sex	1.68	(1.38-2.04)**
Black	1.64	(1.36-1.98)**	Black	1.70	(1.34-2.17)**
Latino	1.32	(1.08-1.98)*	Latino	1.26	(.997-2.17)
Other	2.63	(1.93-3.59)**	Other	2.71	(1.81-4.06)**
Education	.968	(.938-.998)*	Education	.968	(.938-.999)*
Age	.974	(.962-.985)**	Age	.974	(.963-.986)**
Cohabitate	1.12	(.873-1.45)	Cohabitate	1.13	(.876-1.45)
No Longer Married	1.82	(1.42-2.32)**	No Longer Married	1.83	(1.43-2.34)**
Never Married	2.50	(2.06-3.03)**	Never Married	2.53	(2.08-3.07)**
Number of Partners	1.01	(1.00-1.02)*	Number of Partners	1.04	(.982-1.12)
Age at 1 <sup>st</sup> sex	1.07	(1.05-1.10)**	Age at 1 <sup>st</sup> sex	1.08	(1.05-1.11)**
HIV test	.999	(.859-1.16)	HIV test	1.00	(.862-1.17)
			Con. at 1 <sup>st</sup> sex*Black	.898	(.626-1.29)
			Con. at 1 <sup>st</sup> sex*Latino	1.11	(.762-1.64)
			Con. at 1 <sup>st</sup> sex*Other	.903	(.484-1.69)
			Age at 1 <sup>st</sup> sex*partner #	.998	(.994-1.00)

\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.005

Model 1	Model 2
LR chi2 (13)	398.33
-2 Log Likelihood	-2398.72
Prob > chi2	0.0005
Pseudo R2	0.0767
Incremental chi2	361.19
LR chi2 (17)	400.28
-2 Log Likelihood	-2397.75
Prob chi2	0.0005
Pseudo R2	0.0770
Incremental chi2	362.80

Significantly higher odds of reporting condom used at last sex if reported condom use at 1<sup>st</sup> sex.  
Significantly higher odds of reporting condom use at last sex if older at time of sexual debut.  
Higher odds of condom use among minority women compared to White women.

## Findings

**Hypothesis 1:** is supported, women who used condoms at last sex had higher odds of using condoms at sexual debut

**Hypothesis 2:** supported, Black and "Other" women had higher odds of using condoms at last sex compared to White women. However, there was not a significant difference in the interaction between condom use at 1<sup>st</sup> sex and race.

**Hypothesis 3:** not supported, there is not a significant difference in condom use at last sex based on age at 1<sup>st</sup> sex and number of partners

## Implications

### Sex education should be taught prior to sexual debut

Policy shift to comprehensive approach

Condom use is a learned behavior; habit forming

### HIV/STI prevention efforts should continue in minority populations

Further assess cultural factors/barriers affecting condom use (i.e. religion)

Continued funding of successful programs

### Primary Contraception Motivation- prevent pregnancy or STIs

Further assess condom use in intentional abstinence post-sexual debut

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