

# Assessing Opportunities for Family Planning Programming among Adolescents and Youth in Lao PDR

# (%) of WRA who are 15-24 (2023)	Married Adolescent/Youth Population (2023)	Unmarried Sexually Active Adolescent/Youth Population (2023)	Unmarried Not Sexually Active Adolescent/Youth (2023)
713,000 (35% of WRA)	312,000	31,000	370,000

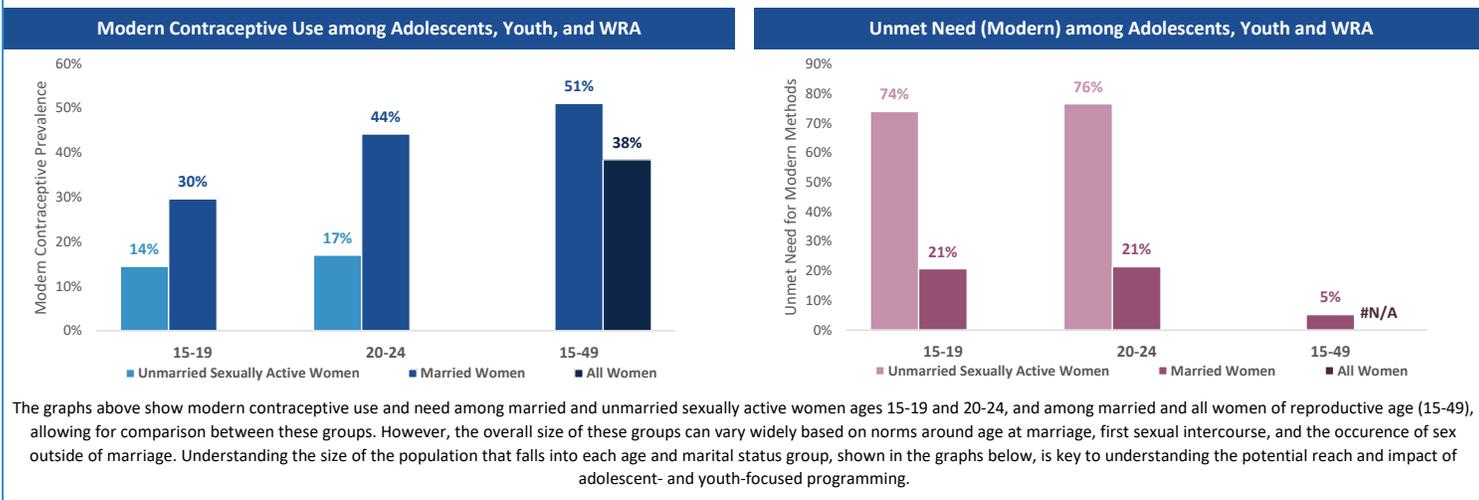
## Timing of Key Life Events



## Age-Specific Fertility Rates

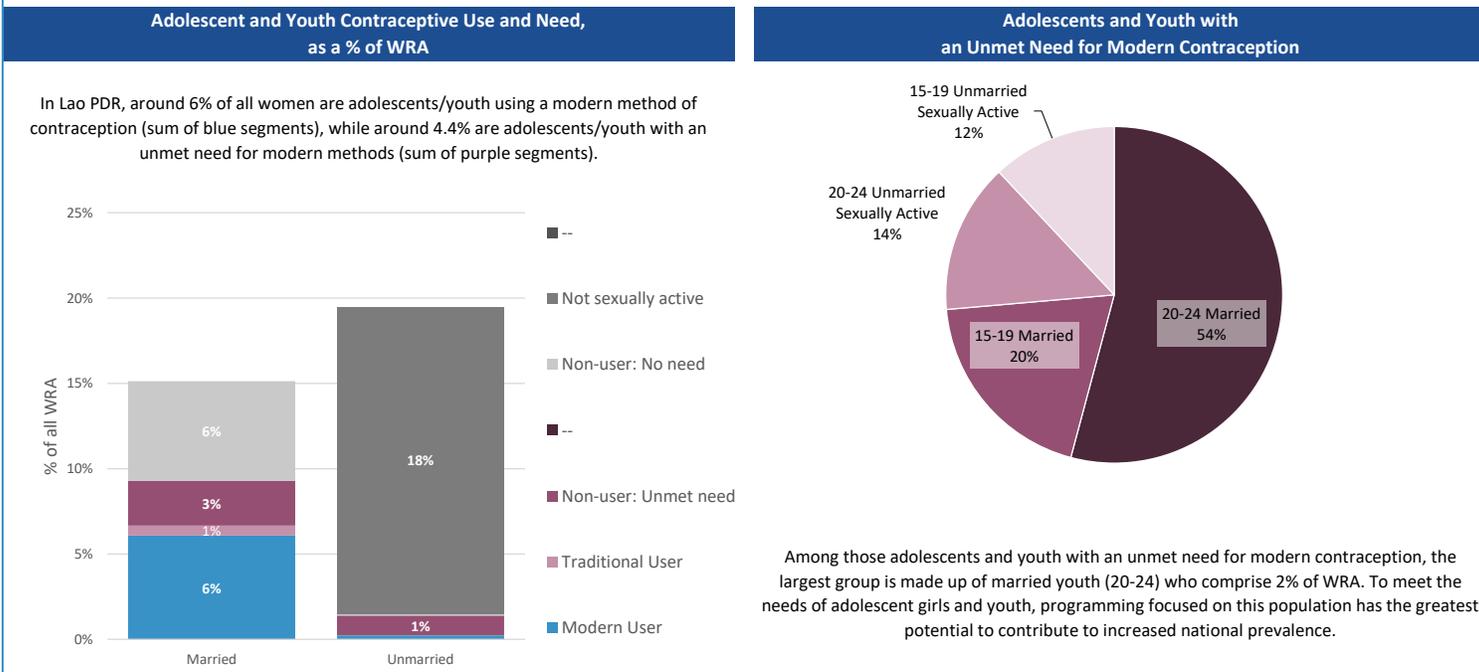


## Contraceptive Use and Need among Adolescents (15-19) and Youth (20-24)



## Opportunities for Reaching Adolescents and Youth with Modern Contraception

Of all the women of reproductive age (WRA) in the country, 35% are adolescents and youth (15-24). Of these, 370,000 (or 18% of WRA) are unmarried and not sexually active. While interventions targeting these young women may impact future behaviors and contraceptive use, these young women do not have a current need for contraception. For the rest of the adolescent and youth population, it is important to consider how contraceptive use and need vary by age and marital status in order to determine where to focus programmatic efforts.



Note - Unmarried sexually active was defined as women who are neither married or in union and report last sex within 12 months of the survey. This definition varies from the DHS's definition of sexual activity.

