

# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF **Contraception**

## **OVER 47 MILLION**

Americans aged 15–49 relied on contraceptives in 2017–2019



## **2 MILLION**

Unplanned pregnancies prevented each year by publicly funded birth control.

## **45 OUT OF 1,000**

Women experience an unplanned pregnancy, but unintended pregnancies still represent 45% of all U.S. pregnancies each year.

## **\$21 BILLION**

The federal and state government expenditure total on births, abortions, and miscarriages resulting from unintended pregnancies.



## **20% HIGHER**

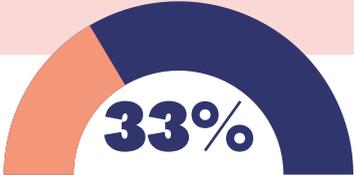
College enrollment is 20% higher among those who had early access to birth control than those who did not. These students are also more likely to finish earning their degree.

## **8% MORE**

By age 50, women who had early access to oral contraceptives earned 8% more per hour than those who did not.

## **REDUCES POVERTY**

Early legal access to oral contraceptives has been shown to reduce female poverty.



## **33%**

By the 1990's, oral contraception alone was responsible for nearly one-third of the reduction of the gender wage gap.

Women with access to contraception in their early 20's earned

## **\$2,220 MORE PER YEAR**

by their early forties than women who did not.



# Access to contraception impacts everyone

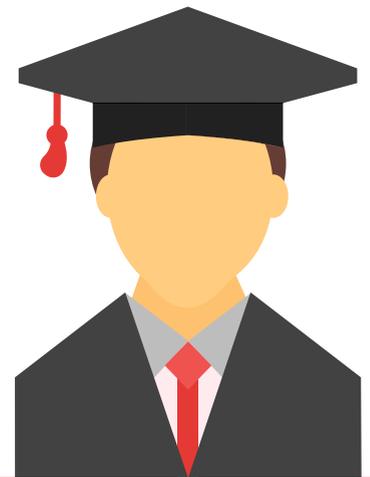
Every dollar spent on contraceptive services **saves almost \$6 of public spending** through reducing unwanted pregnancies alone.



Every year, this adds up to a public savings of:

**\$10.5 BILLION**

Men also see educational benefits from contraception access. Young men whose partners had legal access to oral contraception are **more likely to complete college.**



## CHILDREN BENEFIT, TOO

Children whose parents have access to contraception had higher levels of education than those who do not.

Children whose parents have access to contraception had higher future earnings than those who did not.

