



Unintended Childbearing in Jordan

Status and Reasons

when couples need to achieve their reproductive preference is
unmet

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UDHR 1948 - Article 16

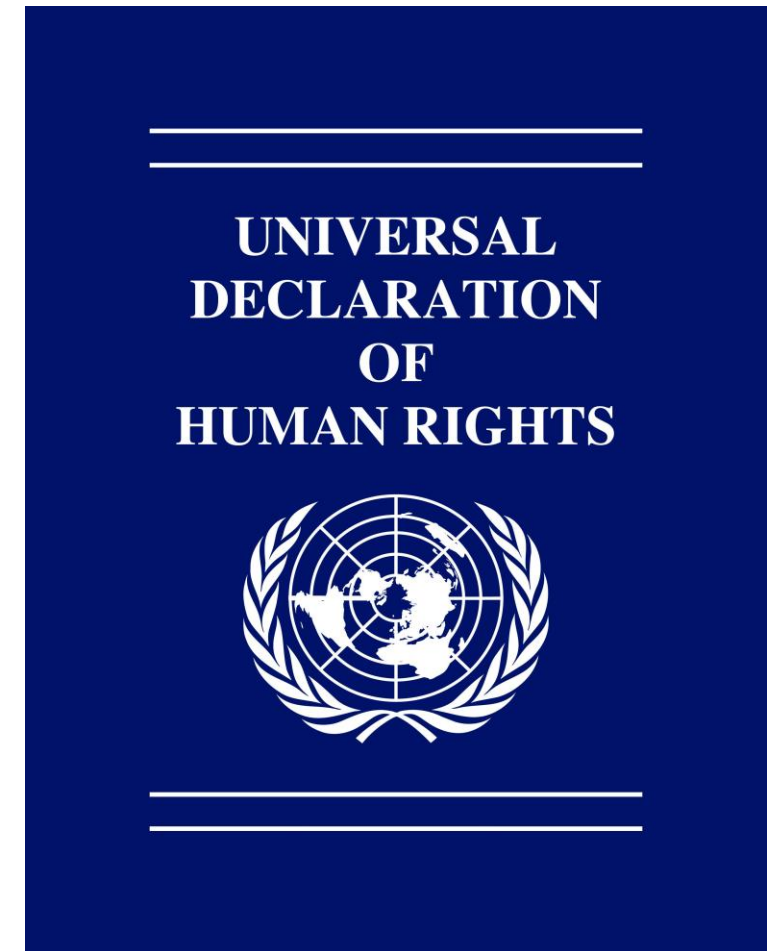
Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family.

CEDAW 1979 – Article 12/1: ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women, access to health care services, including those related to family planning.

ICPD 1994 – Principle 8

All couples and individuals have the basic right to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children and to have the information, education and means to do so.

Nairobi Summit ICPD+25 Commitment - zero unmet need for FP.



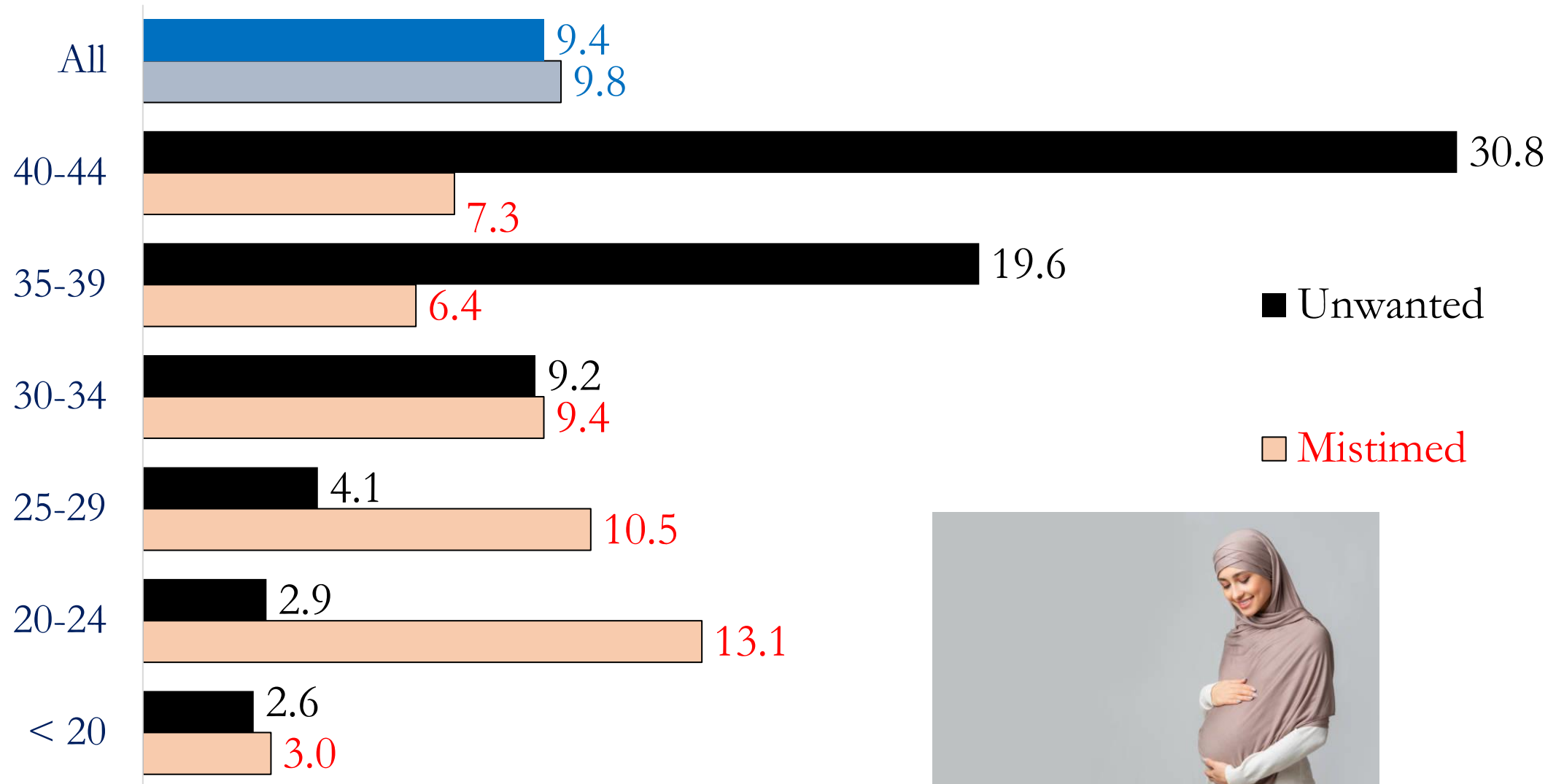
UDHR 1948

3.1 million births registered at CSPD in the last 15 years

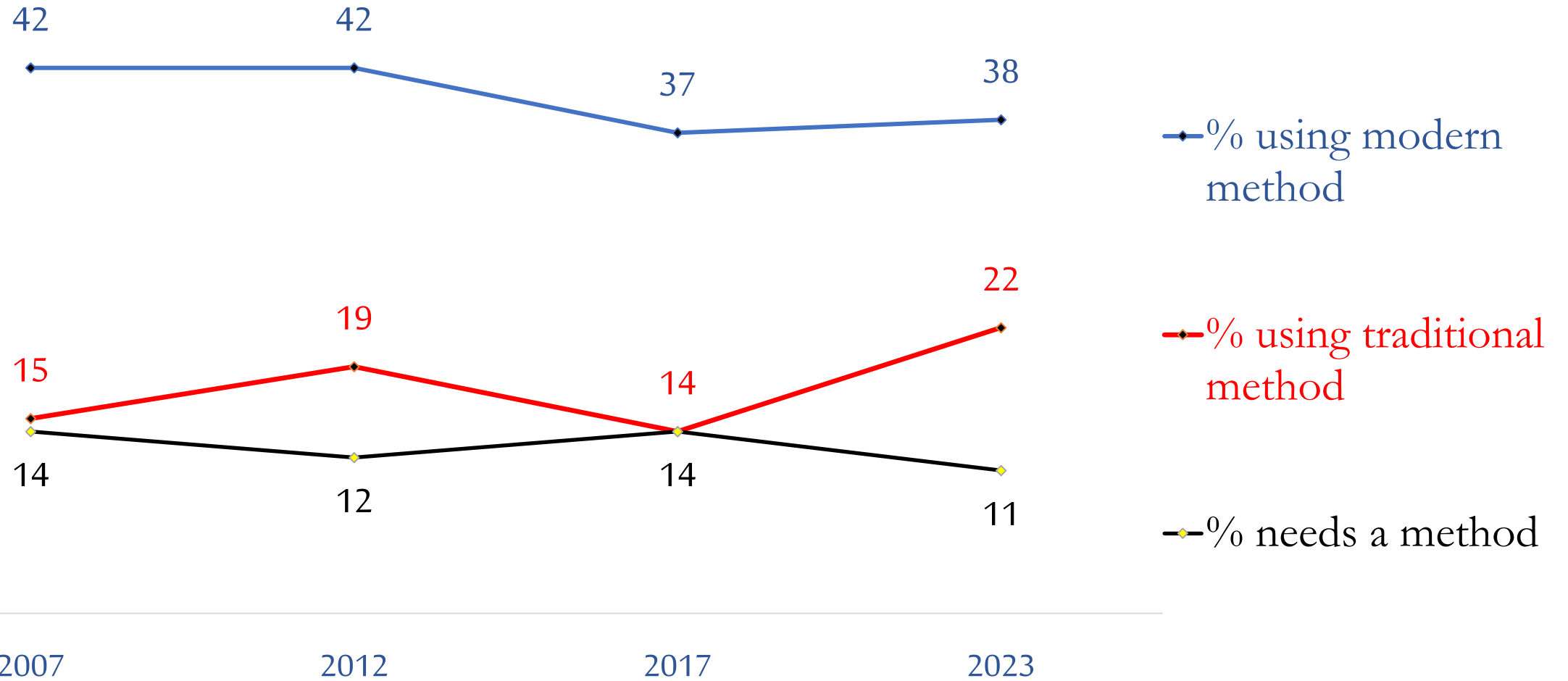
- Annual Av. 207 thousand; 566 births/day.
- 13% non-Jordanian.
- 27% of birth order 4 +.
- 19% either mistimed or unwanted.
- Totaling 589 thousand births.
- 27% are shortly spaced.
- 12.7% of pregnancy outcome ended in still birth or miscarriage.
- Childless couples 4.6%.



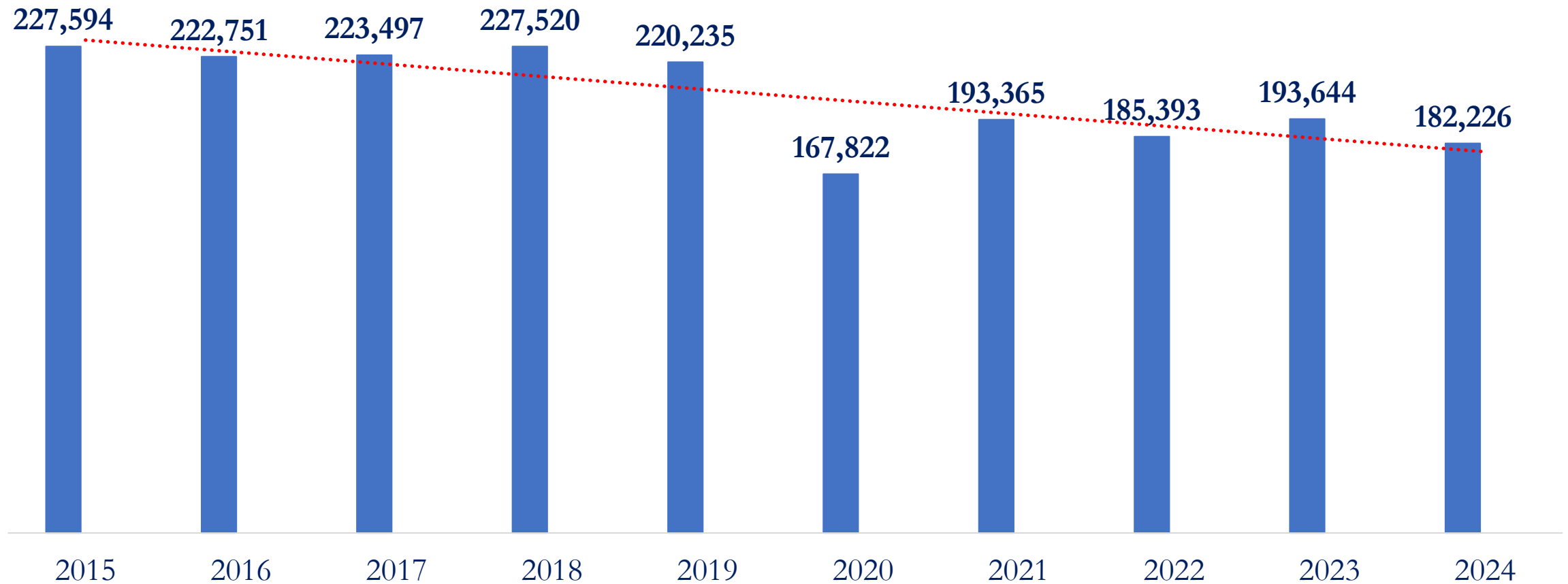
Planning Status of Pregnancy (%)



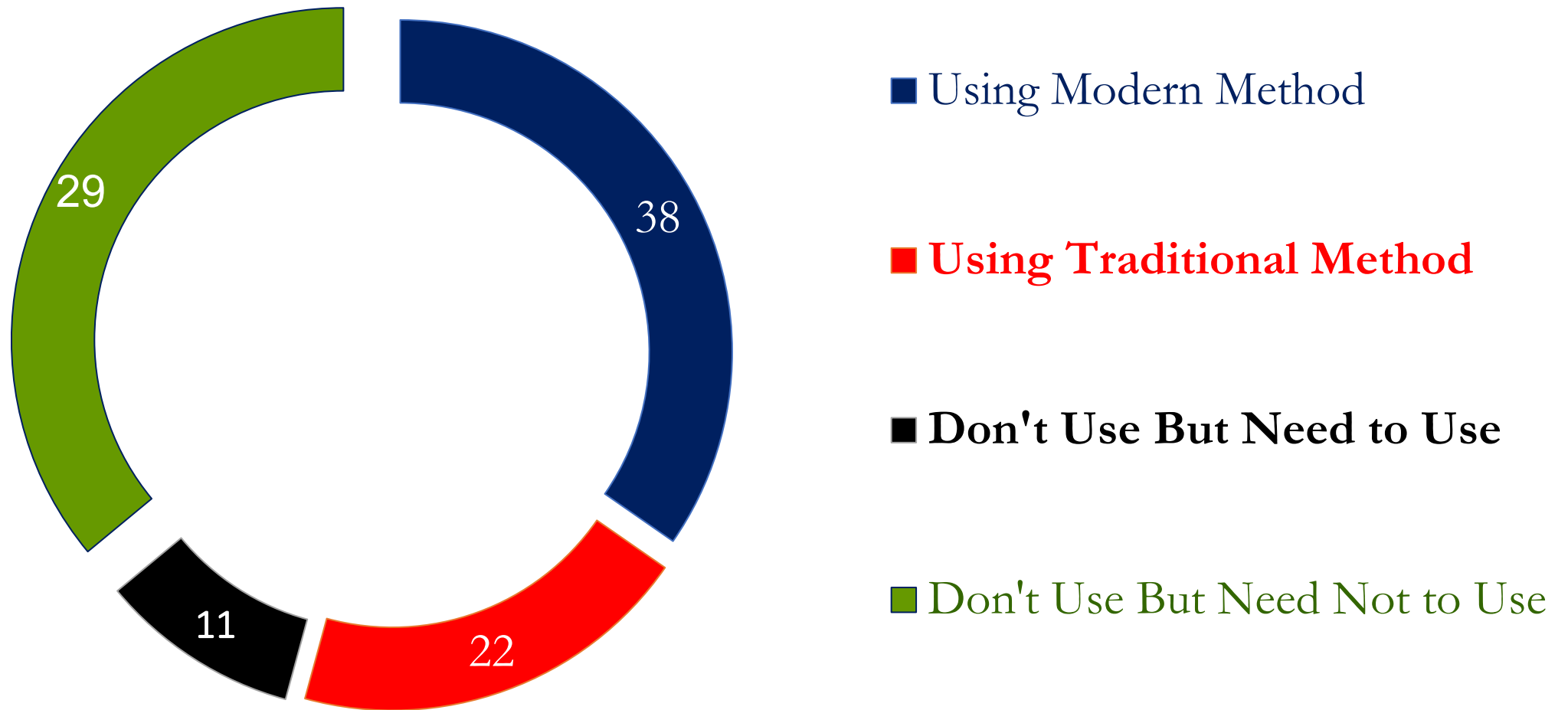
Undesired Trend of CPR



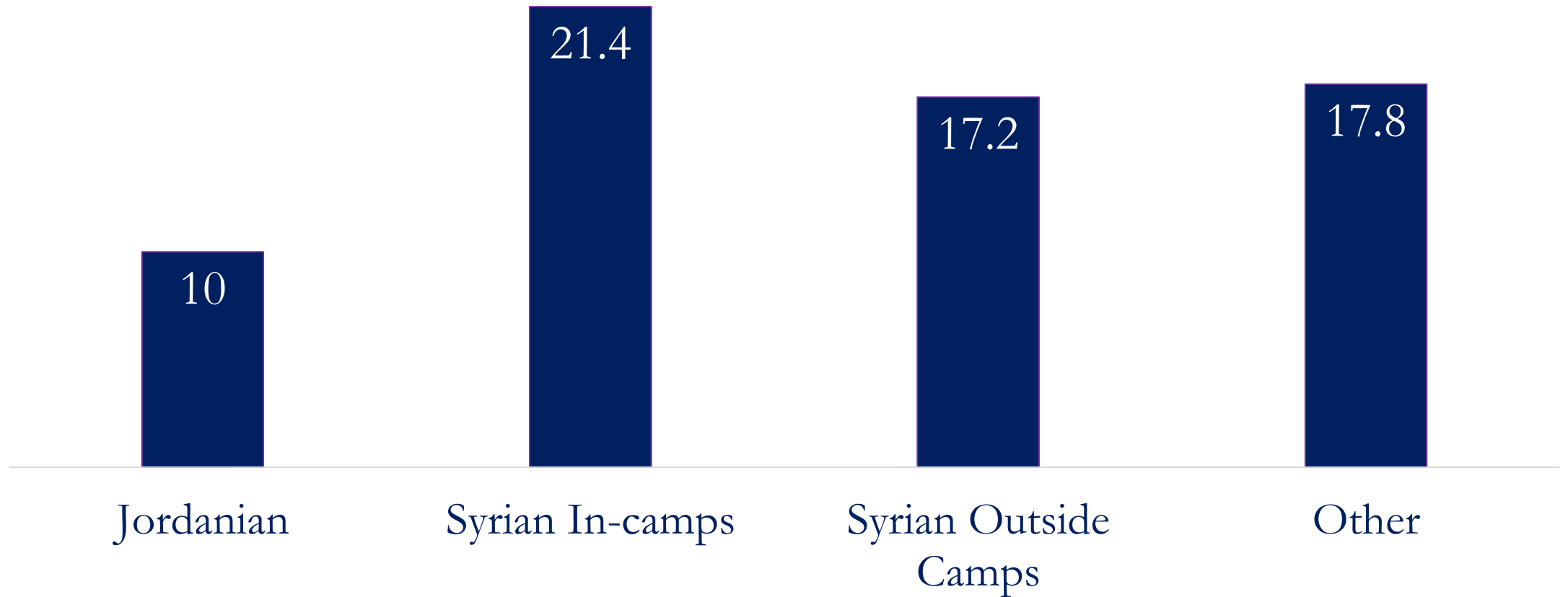
Number of Contraceptive Users Served by MoH and Partners



One Third of Couples Need an Effective Method



Families with Unmet Need for a FP Method (%)



Reasons to be addressed behind unmet need for modern contraception use (mCPR)

Missing Opportunities for Counseling

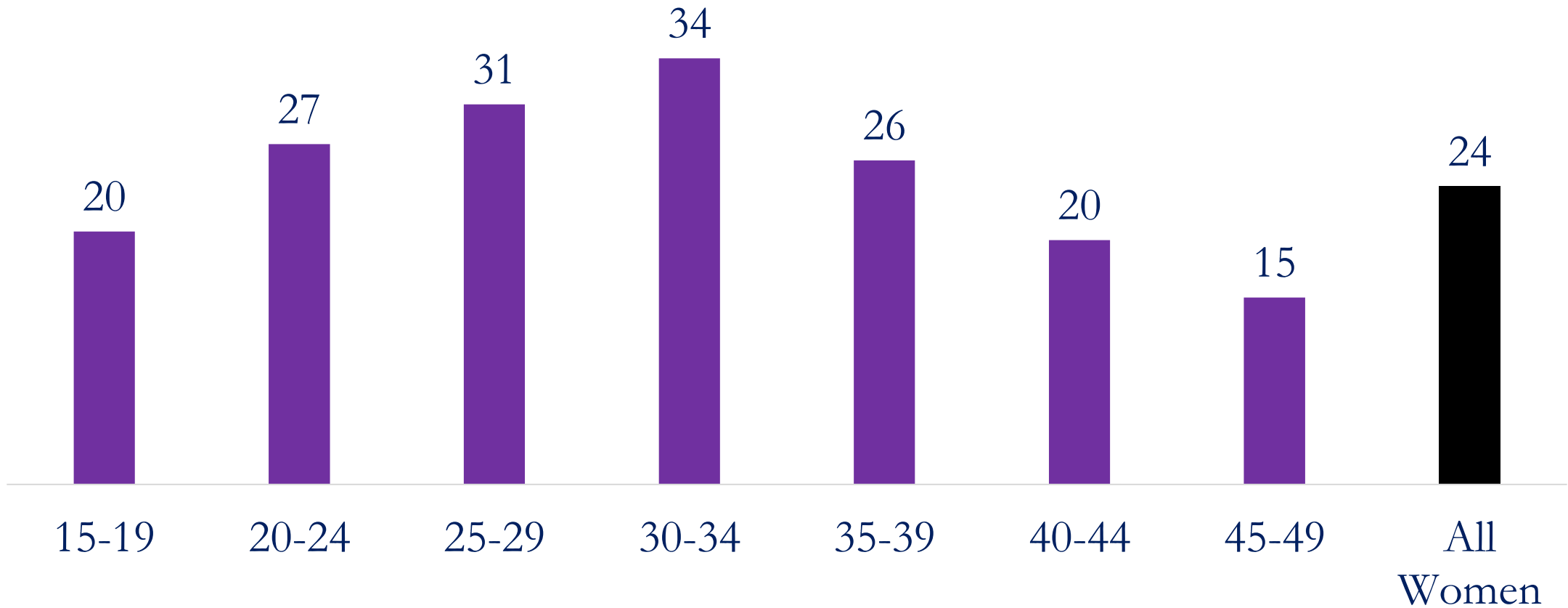
- At time for premarital exam.
- During antenatal visits.
- Before discharge from maternal ward.
- At postnatal visits.
- At child vaccination visits.

Services Operational Policy

- Providers reluctance to advising newly married to use a modern contraception.
- Lack of full-time counselors.
- Lack of designated area for counseling at SDPs.
- No appointment system in place.
- Phone follow ups are not widely used.

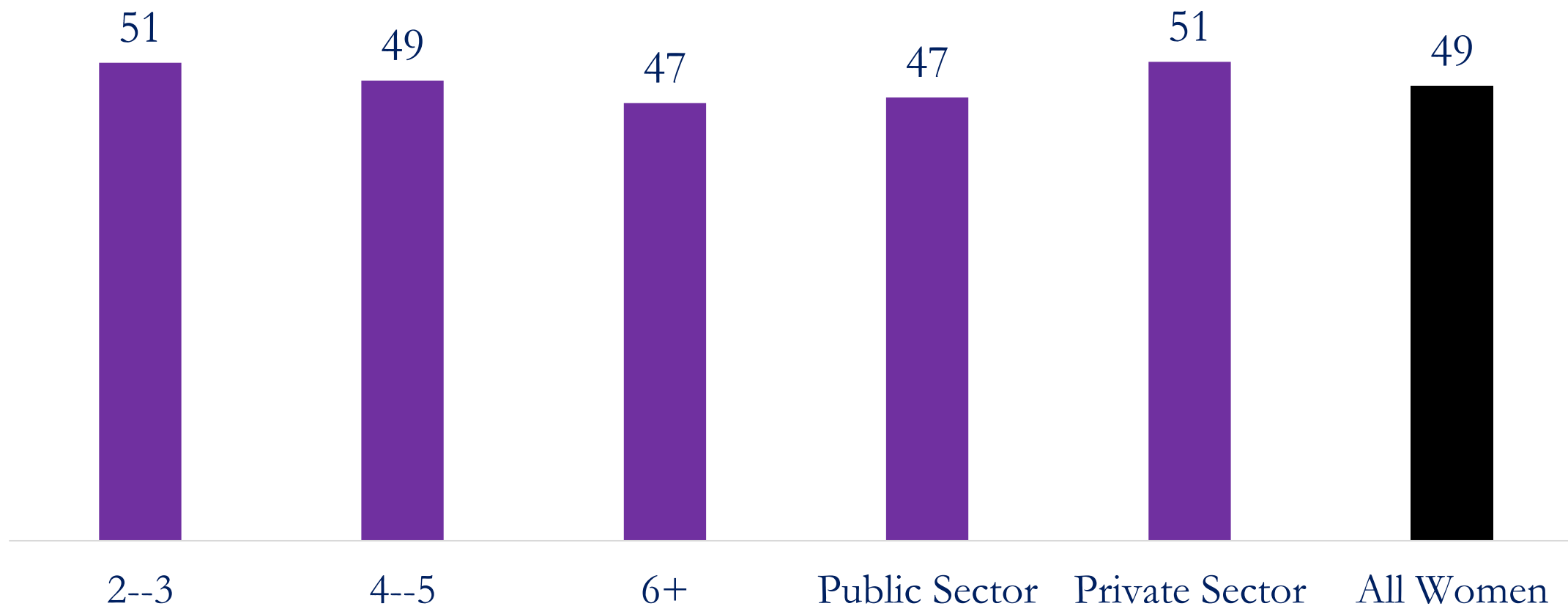
Example on a missing opportunity

% of non-users, visited a health facility and discussed FP with service providers

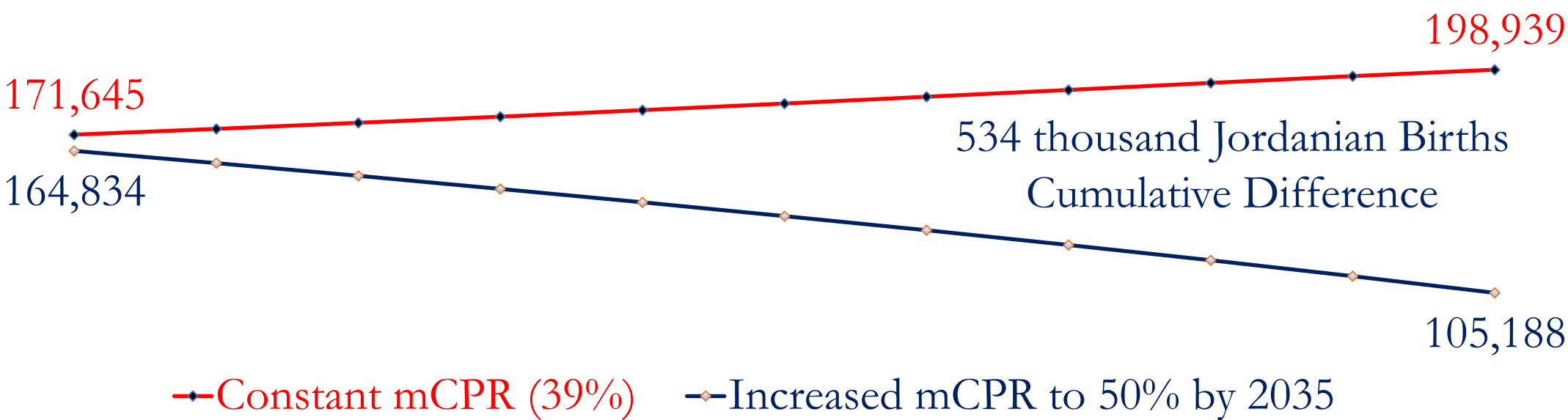


Example on a missing opportunity

% of women who were told about FP methods during postnatal care services visits by birth order and sector



Evidence: Increased Modern Contraceptive Use Makes a Difference





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