The Iowa Initiative to Reduce Unintended Pregnancies is a five-year demonstration project concluding in 2012. For more information, visit [www.IowaInitiative.org](http://www.IowaInitiative.org).

Since 2007, the number of Iowa women using an IUD as their primary method of birth control has increased by 208%. The number of Iowa women who use an implant as their primary method of birth control has increased by 1,100%.

Iowa women are choosing long-acting, reversible contraceptives (LARC) as their primary birth control methods at a faster rate than the rest of the nation.

The decline in unintended pregnancies in Iowa was greater than other Midwest states.

Iowa’s decline in abortions is noteworthy when compared with other states.

Preliminary findings from a report by the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health and Philliber Research Associates. Data sources and notes listed on the back of this page.
Percent of Iowa Women Using an IUD or Implant as Primary Method by Year

**Sources:** Family Planning Council of Iowa; Iowa Department of Public Health; Planned Parenthood of the Heartland.

*Note: Percent is among all women; Partially duplicated count.*

Percent of Contraceptors Using LARC, Iowa vs. United States

**Sources:** The Guttmacher Institute; Family Planning Council of Iowa; Iowa Department of Public Health; Planned Parenthood of the Heartland.

Percent of Unintended Pregnancies in Iowa by Year

**Sources:** Iowa Department of Public Health; Philliber Research Associates (PRA) analysis of Iowa Birth Certificate and Iowa Barriers to Prenatal Care Project data.

*Note: Includes abortions.*

Percent Change in Unintended Pregnancies, Iowa vs. Other States, 2005-2008

**Sources:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Iowa Department of Public Health; Philliber Research Associates (PRA) analysis of Iowa Birth Certificate and Iowa Barriers to Prenatal Care Project data.

Percent of Iowa Pregnancies Terminated by Abortion by Year

**Sources:** Iowa Department of Public Health; Philliber Research Associates (PRA) analysis of Iowa Birth Certificate and Iowa Barriers to Prenatal Care Project data.

Percent Change in Abortion Ratio, Iowa vs. Other States, 2007-2011

**Sources:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Iowa Department of Public Health; Iowa Birth Certificates.

*Note: Data are only available through 2010 for Wisconsin, Ohio, and Missouri. Abortion ratio is the number of abortions per 1,000 live births.*