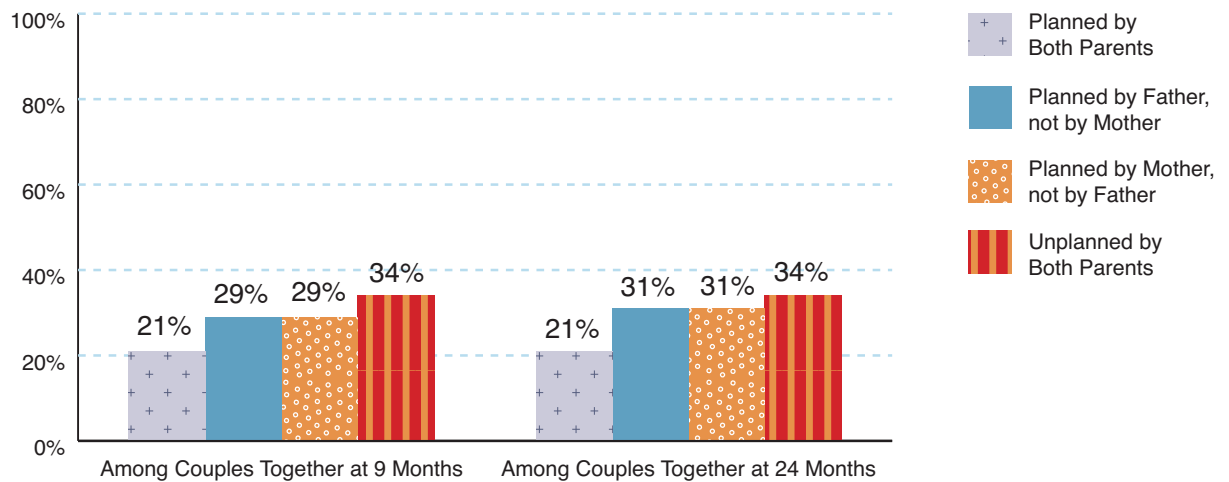


#### H-4. Relationship Quality Among Couples Together at 9 Months and Among Couples Together at 24 Months: Father Reports Arguing “Very Often” with Partner, by Parental Agreement on Pregnancy Intentions<sup>4</sup>

- ▲ Similar to mothers’ reports, fathers who agreed with their partner that the pregnancy and subsequent birth were planned were least likely to report arguing very often with their partner. This is true among couples together at nine months and among couples together 24 months after the baby’s birth.
- ▲ Fathers were most likely to report relationship conflict when both the father and mother report that the pregnancy and subsequent birth were unplanned (at both nine and 24 months).



Percentage of Fathers who Report that they Argue with Partner “Very Often” by Parental Agreement on Pregnancy Intention—Without Controlling for Background Characteristics				
	Planned by Both Parents	Planned by Father, not by Mother	Planned by Mother, not by Father	Unplanned by Both Parents
Among Couples Together at 9 Months	21%	29%*	29%*	34%*
Among Couples Together at 24 Months	21%	31%*	31%*	34%*

\* Note that father-reported conflict was significantly lower ( $p < 0.05$ ) within couples who agreed the pregnancy was planned compared to couples who agreed the pregnancy was unplanned or compared to couples who disagreed on the planning intentions.

4. Child Trends Inc., analysis of data from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey—Birth Cohort, 2008.

- ▲ In addition, the results below are based on predicted probabilities from multivariate models that control for a number of background characteristics related to the child, mother, father, and couple. These estimates suggest how much of the difference between outcomes following planned versus unplanned pregnancies would remain even among families who are otherwise quite similar. The characteristics controlled for include child’s age at baseline, child’s race/ethnicity, child’s birth order, child’s gender, mother’s age at the child’s birth, mother’s previous marital status, mother’s work history, whether or not the mother lived with both of her parents until age 16, father’s age at birth, father’s work status, the highest education level of either member of the couple, the couple’s income, the couple’s marital status at birth, and language spoken at home by the couple.
- ▲ Nearly all of the differences in the percentage of fathers reporting that they argue “very often” with their partner remain statistically significant net of controls among couples together at nine months and couples together at 24 months.

<b>Percentage of Fathers who Report that they Argue with Partner “Very Often” by Parental Agreement on Pregnancy Intention—Controlling for Background Characteristics</b>				
	Planned by Both Parents	Planned by Father, not by Mother	Planned by Mother, not by Father	Unplanned by Both Parents
Among Couples Together at 9 Months	23%	27%	29%*	32%*
Among Couples Together at 24 Months	22%	27%	30%*	31%*

\* Note that father-reported conflict was significantly lower ( $p < 0.05$ ) within couples who agreed the pregnancy was planned compared to couples who agreed the pregnancy was unplanned or compared to couples with the mother reporting the pregnancy was planned but the father reporting it was unplanned.