

TABLE 2. Mean scores or percentages (and standard deviations) reflecting respondents' characteristics, by expectation regarding sexual initiation

Characteristic	Total (N=452)	Delay (N=265)	Anticipate (N=187)
Means			
Risky behaviors (range, 0–4)	1.21 (0.92)	1.03 (0.84)	1.53 (0.98)***
Precoital sexual experiences (range, 0–10)	4.31 (3.14)	3.49 (2.80)	5.73 (3.19)***
Approval of premarital sex (range, 1–4)	2.62 (1.16)	2.25 (1.14)	3.28 (0.87)***
Disapproval of gender roles (range, 1–4)	2.17 (0.51)	2.19 (0.53)	2.13 (0.47)
Influenced by friends (range, 1–4)	2.67 (0.73)	2.70 (0.76)	2.61 (0.67)
Influenced by parents (range, 1–4)	3.33 (0.65)	3.40 (0.64)	3.20 (0.65)***
Strictness of parents at age 14 (range, 1–4)	3.24 (0.63)	3.33 (0.60)	3.08 (0.66)***
Family income in past year (range, 1–7)	4.29 (1.83)	4.20 (1.76)	4.43 (1.94)
Church attendance (range, 1–4)	3.20 (1.10)	3.36 (1.01)	2.91 (1.19)***
Grades (range, 1–5)	3.84 (0.88)	3.88 (0.84)	3.75 (0.93)
Age in 1988	16.74 (1.27)	16.72 (1.28)	16.78 (1.25)
Percentages			
Ever repeated a grade	21 (41)	22 (41)	20 (40)
Lived with both parents at age 14	77 (42)	78 (41)	75 (43)
Mother had teenage birth	20 (40)	18 (38)	23 (42)
Mother's education			
<high school	11 (31)	8 (28)	16 (37)*
High school	41 (49)	39 (49)	45 (50)
≥some college	48 (50)	52 (50)	39 (49)**
Black	7 (25)	6 (24)	7 (26)

* $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$. *** $p < .001$. Notes: Higher scores indicate more risky behaviors or precoital experiences, greater approval of premarital sex or disapproval of traditional gender roles, greater influence of friends and parents, greater parental strictness, higher income, more frequent church attendance and higher grades. Scores and percentages are weighted; Ns are unweighted. Teenagers reporting that they did not expect to initiate intercourse within the next year are classified as delayers; those who expected to do so sooner, as anticipators.