

**TABLE 4. Selected characteristics of cohabiting and noncohabiting married couples, by husband's migration status, Nepal, 2009**

Characteristic	Cohabiting	Husband away <3 mos.	Husband away ≥3 mos.
No.	2,622	432	771
Mean age of woman (years)	32.4	28.3***	28.1***
Mean desired no. of children	2.4	2.3	2.2***
Mean no. of living children	2.8	2.2***	2.1***
% of women with unmet need (spacing)	6.0	16.9***	14.8***
% of women with unmet need (limiting)	9.2	19.5***	43.5***
Total % with unmet need	15.2	36.4***	58.5***

\*\*\*Difference from "at home" group significant at  $p < .001$ .