TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of middle school students participating in a longitudinal sexuality survey, by selected baseline characteristics, southeastern United States, 2002–2004

Characteristic	Total sample (N=1,017)	Analysis sample† (N=854)
Age		
12	18.4	20.1
13	46.2	48.1
14–15‡	34.3	30.8
Missing	1.1	0.9
Gender		
Female	49.6	52.1
Male	50.4	47.9
Race		
White	48.3	53.7
Black	51.7	46.3
Grade		
7	52.2	53.4
8	47.8	46.6
Socioeconomic status§		
Low	31.4	27.0
High	68.0	72.2
Missing	0.6	0.7
Household structure		
Two parents	67.3	69.6
Other	32.7	30.4
Parental education††		
Some high school	4.3	3.5
High school graduate	15.6	14.9
Some college	12.8	11.8
College graduate	29.6	30.1
>college	27.3	30.3
Don't know	10.3	9.4
Susceptibility to initiating intercourse		
None	na	38.2
Low	na	34.0
High	na	27.8
Total	100.0	100.0

†Includes respondents who completed both baseline and follow-up surveys and who had not engaged in sexual intercourse at baseline. ‡At baseline, the total sample included 31 adolescents aged 15, and the analysis sample included 22 adolescents of this age. §Respondents who reported receiving free or reduced-price breakfast or lunch at school were categorized as having low socioeconomic status. ††Highest education level attained by either parent. *Notes:* Percentages may not total 100.0 because of rounding. na=not applicable.