

TABLE 1. Selected characteristics of respondents aged 18–59, by gender, Chicago Health and Social Life Survey, 1995

Characteristic	Women (N=460)	Men (N=323)
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS		
Race/ethnicity		
Black	32	23
Hispanic	17	20
White/other	51	57
Birth cohort		
1935–1949	23	22
1950–1964	49	46
1965–1979	28	32
Religious affiliation		
Protestant	45	37
Catholic/Orthodox Christian	45	47
Other/none	10	17
Partner of different race/ethnicity		
No	90	86
Yes	10	14
Marital status with partner		
Ever married	52	51
Ever cohabited, but never married	17	14
Never cohabited	30	35
No. of mutual contacts respondent and partner had at first meeting		
0	35	28
1–4	26	37
≥5/grew up together	40	35
No. of social ties with parents†		
0–1	26	28
2–3	42	34
4	32	38
Touched sexually before age 13		
No	87	89
Yes	13	11
Total	100	100
MEANS		
Yrs. of education	13.4 (2.5)	13.7 (2.7)
Partner's age difference (yrs.)‡	2.0 (5.3)	–2.3 (5.3)
Partner's education difference (yrs.)§	0.1 (2.3)	–0.2 (2.5)
Age at sexual involvement with partner	26.5 (8.9)	27.8 (8.6)
Relationship duration (mos.)	126.6 (118.7)	110.1 (117.5)
No. of partners since age 13	4.8 (17.0)	16.1 (63.8)
No. of partners since age 13 (logged)	1.0 (1.0)	1.6 (1.4)

†The sum of the number of partner's parents whom the respondent had met and gotten along with, and the number of respondent's parents whom the partner had met and gotten along with. ‡A positive value indicates that partners are older, and a negative value indicates that partners are younger. §A positive value indicates that partners have more years of education, and a negative value indicates that partners have fewer years of education. Notes: All data are unweighted. Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding. Numbers in parentheses are standard deviations.

TABLE 2. Percentage distribution of respondents, by selected characteristics of most recent opposite-sex relationship, according to gender

Characteristic	Women	Men
Time to sexual involvement		
≥6 mos.	42	38
≥3 mos. to <6 mos.	18	19
≥1 mo. to <3 mos.	17	17
≥1 week to <1 mo.	17	18
<1 week	5	7
Type of sexual involvement		
Serious	51	52
Casual dating	28	26
Friendship	12	8
Casual sex	8	14
Concurrent partnership		
Neither respondent nor partner	66	64
Respondent only	5	17*
Partner only	17	8*
Both	12	10
Total	100	100

* $p < .05$. Notes: All data are weighted. Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding.

TABLE 3. Coefficients from bivariate probit regression analyses assessing associations between selected characteristics and likelihood of respondents' or their partners' having had concurrent partnerships, as reported by female respondents

Characteristic	Respondent				Partner			
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Marginal effect†	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Marginal effect†
Time to sexual involvement								
≥6 mos. (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
≥3 mos. to <6 mos.	na	-0.16	-0.18	-0.02	na	0.12	0.18	0.05
≥1 mo. to <3 mos.	na	-0.10	-0.09	-0.01	na	-0.19	-0.11	-0.03
≥1 week to <1 mo.	na	0.23	0.03	0.01	na	0.57*	0.54*	0.18
<1 week	na	1.03*	0.44	0.08	na	1.51***	0.98**	0.36
Type of sexual involvement								
Serious (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Casual dating	na	na	0.78**	0.14	na	na	0.17	0.05
Friendship	na	na	1.60***	0.44	na	na	1.32***	0.48
Casual sex	na	na	1.16***	0.30	na	na	0.89***	0.32
Touched sexually before age 13								
No (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Yes	0.42	0.42	0.39	0.07	0.37*	0.35*	0.33	0.11
No. of partners since age 13 (logged)								
	0.25**	0.22*	0.15	0.02	0.07	0.00	-0.07	-0.02
Race/ethnicity								
Black	0.57**	0.59**	0.56*	0.10	0.72***	0.73***	0.70***	0.23
Hispanic	-0.67*	-0.65*	-0.55	-0.06	-0.07	-0.06	0.03	0.01
White/other (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Birth cohort								
1935–1949 (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1950–1964	1.16**	1.23**	1.35**	0.23	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.02
1965–1979	1.78**	1.81**	1.93**	0.44	0.31	0.25	0.29	0.09
Partner's education difference								
	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.00	-0.09*	-0.11*	-0.13**	-0.04
Age at sexual involvement with partner								
	0.05*	0.05*	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Marital status with partner								
Ever married	-0.30	-0.31	-0.08	-0.01	-0.34	-0.39	-0.32	-0.10
Ever cohabited, but never married (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Never cohabited	0.53*	0.70**	0.54*	0.09	0.41	0.60*	0.47	0.15
Relationship duration								
	0.01*	0.01**	0.01**	0.00	0.01***	0.01***	0.01***	0.00
Relationship duration squared								
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00**	0.00***	0.00***	0.00
No. of social ties with parents‡								
0–1 (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2–3	-0.19	-0.16	-0.15	-0.02	-0.29	-0.24	-0.25	-0.07
4	-0.68**	-0.66*	-0.66*	-0.08	-0.71**	-0.72**	-0.72**	-0.19
Constant	-5.04***	-5.38***	-5.73***		-1.70*	-2.06*	-2.02*	
Rho	0.71***	0.65***	0.57***					
Log-likelihood (df)	-320.7 (45)	-305.2 (53)	-283.2 (59)					
AIC	731.5	716.5	684.3					

*p≤0.05. **p≤0.01. ***p≤0.001. †Marginal effects represent the change in probability of concurrent partnerships associated with a one-unit change for each independent variable; they are calculated from model 3 and take into account all variables in the model. ‡The sum of the number of partner's parents whom the respondent had met and gotten along with, and the number of respondent's parents whom the partner had met and gotten along with. Notes: Only characteristics with significant coefficients are shown, and all significance tests were one-tailed. ref=reference category. na=not applicable. AIC=Akaike information criterion.

TABLE 4. Coefficients from bivariate probit regression analyses assessing associations between selected characteristics and likelihood of respondents' or their partners' having had concurrent partnerships, as reported by male respondents

Characteristic	Respondent				Partner			
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Marginal effect†	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Marginal effect†
Time to sexual involvement								
≥6 mos. (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
≥3 mos. to <6 mos.	na	0.30	0.23	0.07	na	-0.52	-0.64*	-0.07
≥1 mo. to <3 mos.	na	0.46	0.42	0.13	na	-0.57*	-0.65*	-0.06
≥1 week to <1 mo.	na	0.50*	0.45	0.14	na	-0.49*	-0.58*	-0.06
<1 week	na	0.64*	0.15	0.04	na	0.00	-0.50	-0.05
Type of sexual involvement								
Serious (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Casual dating	na	na	0.35	0.11	na	na	0.27	0.04
Friendship	na	na	0.73*	0.25	na	na	1.13**	0.27
Casual sex	na	na	1.22***	0.43	na	na	1.07**	0.24
No. of partners since age 13 (logged)	0.43***	0.42***	0.41***	0.12	0.12	0.13*	0.12	0.02
Race/ethnicity								
Black	0.79**	0.81**	0.85**	0.28	-0.17	-0.10	-0.28	-0.03
Hispanic	1.06**	1.16***	1.19***	0.42	-0.21	-0.28	-0.36	-0.04
White/other (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Birth cohort								
1935–1949 (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1950–1964	-0.11	-0.07	-0.35	-0.09	-0.27	-0.30	-0.54	-0.07
1965–1979	-0.41	-0.35	-0.74	-0.19	-1.43*	-1.45*	-1.89**	-0.21
Yrs. of education	-0.03	-0.01	0.02	0.01	-0.21***	-0.24***	-0.25***	-0.03
Religious affiliation								
Protestant (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Catholic/Orthodox Christian	0.30	0.37	0.44	0.13	-0.58*	-0.58*	-0.64*	-0.08
Other/none	-0.13	-0.19	-0.12	-0.03	-0.39	-0.36	-0.35	-0.04
Partner of different race/ethnicity								
No (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Yes	-0.25	-0.21	-0.34	-0.09	0.53*	0.47	0.46	0.08
Partner's education difference	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.13*	-0.16**	-0.19***	-0.03
Age at sexual involvement with partner	-0.04	-0.04	-0.05*	-0.02	-0.05*	-0.05*	-0.07**	-0.01
Marital status with partner								
Ever married	-0.79*	-0.78*	-0.73*	-0.21	-0.63*	-0.59	-0.53	-0.08
Ever cohabited, but never married (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Never cohabited	-0.09	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.00
Relationship duration	0.01*	0.01**	0.01**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Relationship duration squared	0.00**	0.00**	0.00***	0.00	0.00	0.00*	0.00*	0.00
No. of mutual contacts respondent and partner had at first meeting								
0 (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1–4	-0.13	-0.12	-0.20	-0.06	-0.69*	-0.74**	-0.93**	-0.11
≥5/grew up together	-0.27	-0.25	-0.35	-0.09	-0.31	-0.39	-0.57*	-0.07
No. of social ties with parents‡								
0–1 (ref)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2–3	0.35	0.37	0.60*	0.18	0.06	0.16	0.22	0.03
4	0.08	0.11	0.32	0.09	-0.52*	-0.41	-0.40	-0.05
Constant	-0.14	-1.01	-1.26		5.14***	5.79***	6.60***	
Rho	0.64***	0.71***	0.64***					
Log-likelihood (df)	-287.5 (45)	-279.8 (53)	-264.4 (59)					
AIC	665.0	665.5	646.7					

*p≤.05. **p≤.01. ***p≤.001. †Marginal effects represent the change in probability of concurrent partnerships associated with a one-unit change for each independent variable; they are calculated from model 3 and take into account all variables in the model. ‡The sum of the number of partner's parents whom the respondent had met and gotten along with, and the number of respondent's parents whom the partner had met and gotten along with. Notes: Only characteristics with significant coefficients are shown, and all significance tests were one-tailed. ref=reference category. na=not applicable. AIC=Akaike information criterion.

TABLE 5. Coefficients from bivariate probit regression analyses assessing associations between selected characteristics and likelihood of respondents' or their partners' having had concurrent partnerships that started within five years of interviews

Characteristic	Respondent		Partner	
	Coefficient	Marginal effect†	Coefficient	Marginal effect†
Time to sexual involvement				
≥6 mos. (ref)	na	na	na	na
≥3 mos. to <6 mos.	0.33	0.09	-0.38	-0.09
≥1 mo. to <3 mos.	0.27	0.07	-0.63*	-0.14
≥1 week to <1 mo.	0.31	0.09	-0.18	-0.05
<1 week	0.28	0.08	-0.10	-0.03
Type of sexual involvement				
Serious (ref)	na	na	na	na
Casual dating	0.63*	0.18	-0.01	0.00
Friendship	1.91***	0.64	1.33***	0.45
Casual sex	1.17***	0.38	0.74*	0.23
No. of partners since age 13 (logged)	0.43***	0.11	0.08	0.02
Race/ethnicity				
Black	0.71**	0.20	0.82**	0.24
Hispanic	0.47	0.14	0.21	0.06
White/other (ref)	na	na	na	na
Yrs. of education	-0.05	-0.01	-0.16**	-0.04
Religious affiliation				
Protestant (ref)	na	na	na	na
Catholic/Orthodox Christian	0.37	0.10	0.08	0.02
Other/none	-0.64*	-0.14	-0.06	-0.02
Partner of different race/ethnicity				
No (ref)	na	na	na	na
Yes	0.23	0.06	0.67*	0.20
Partner's education difference	-0.08	-0.02	-0.23***	-0.06
Marital status with partner				
Ever married	-0.58	-0.12	-1.08**	-0.20
Ever cohabited, but never married (ref)	na	na	na	na
Never cohabited	0.28	0.07	-0.04	-0.01
Relationship duration	0.05*	0.01	0.04	0.01
Relationship duration squared	0.00	0.00	0.00*	0.00
No. of mutual contacts respondent and partner had at first meeting				
0 (ref)	na	na	na	na
1-4	-0.23	-0.06	-1.00***	-0.22
≥5/grew up together	0.23	0.06	-0.71**	-0.17
<i>Constant</i>	-3.94*		2.77	
<i>Rho</i>	0.55***			
<i>Log-likelihood (df)</i>	-230.4 (60)			

*p≤.05. **p≤.01. ***p≤.001. †Marginal effects represent the change in probability of concurrent partnerships associated with a one-unit change for each independent variable and take into account all variables in the model. Notes: Only characteristics with significant coefficients are shown, and all significance tests were one-tailed. Because of the smaller sample size, these analyses combined responses from 303 men and women. ref=reference category. na=not applicable.