

Table 1. Selected personal and household characteristics of married Mayan women of reproductive age, by year of survey, El Quiché, Guatemala

Characteristic	1992 (N=846)	1996 (N=958)
Mean age (in yrs.)	28.7	28.2
% who speak a Mayan language at home/with friends	92.7	89.6*
% who speak/understand Spanish	12.4	17.4*
% who wear traditional dress	97.4	97.8
% who ever attended school	29.2	34.9**
% literate†	24.6	26.5
% who work outside home	20.0	27.3***
% currently pregnant	14.5	16.0
% distribution by religion***		
Catholic	41.0	45.2
Evangelical	20.7	27.1
Traditional	19.9	19.5
None	18.4	7.6
% with selected household amenities		
Electricity	11.5	45.5***
Radio	59.8	71.7***
Television	8.7	26.6***
Covered floors‡	6.0	19.4***
Bicycle	11.7	34.1***
Horse	7.4	4.5**
Car or pickup	1.7	4.7***
Motorcycle	0.5	0.7
Mean number of household amenities	1.1	2.1***
Contact with mass media		
% who listen to radio daily	45.5	62.5***
% who watch television daily	6.9	18.5***
% who read newspaper weekly	7.8	6.8
Mean no. of living children (by age)***		
15–19	0.9	0.9
20–24	2.0	2.6
25–29	3.5	3.3
30–34	4.6	4.7
35–39	5.8	6.0
40–44	5.9	6.7
45–49§	6.6	u

*Difference by year is statistically significant at $p \leq .05$. **Difference by year is statistically significant at $p \leq .01$. ***Difference by year is statistically significant at $p \leq .001$. †This response includes those who can read easily or with difficulty. ‡Wood, brick or cement floor. §There were 51 45–49-year-olds in the 1992 sample, but fewer than 10 women in that age-group in the 1996 sample. Thus, no data are available for that year. Notes: Some data are based on reduced sample sizes, including the mean age (Ns of 508 in 1992 and 834 in 1996), and the proportion who speak Spanish (Ns of 790 in 1992 and 849 in 1996). In this and subsequent tables, u=unavailable.