

**Table 1. Percentage distribution of adolescents who completed all three survey rounds, by background characteristics and by consistency of self-reporting about sexual experience, according to gender and survey round, Jamaica, 1995–1997 (n=698)**

Characteristic and consistency	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3		
	All	Female	Male	All	Female	Male	All	Female	Male
<b>Ever drank alcohol</b>									
Yes	41.5	31.5	53.1	45.6	33.2	59.8	48.4	38.0	60.4
No	58.5	68.5	46.9	54.4	66.8	40.2	51.6	62.0	39.6
<b>Ever smoked marijuana</b>									
Yes	5.8	1.9	10.2	8.6	3.2	14.8	10.2	5.1	16.1
No	94.2	98.1	89.8	91.4	96.8	85.2	89.8	94.9	83.9
<b>Socioeconomic index score†</b>									
Middle-low	25.5	25.5	25.5	30.2	28.7	32.0	26.1	26.0	26.2
Low	20.6	21.2	20.0	24.5	27.1	21.5	26.9	26.5	27.4
Very low	53.9	53.4	54.5	45.3	44.2	46.5	47.0	47.5	46.5
<b>Frequency of church attendance</b>									
<weekly	36.0	31.0	41.7	41.3	36.5	46.8	42.2	36.0	49.4
≥weekly	64.0	69.0	58.3	58.7	63.5	53.3	57.8	64.0	50.6
<b>Living arrangements</b>									
Both parents	37.5	35.8	39.4	37.8	34.6	41.5	35.2	32.7	38.2
Mother only	41.6	45.7	36.9	38.4	44.2	31.7	39.0	42.9	34.5
Father only	8.3	5.4	11.7	6.7	4.6	9.2	6.3	5.4	7.4
Relative or guardian	11.5	11.3	11.7	14.6	13.1	16.3	18.5	17.2	20.0
Other	1.2	1.9	0.3	2.4	3.5	1.2	1.0	1.9	0.0
<b>Consistency of self-reporting within a single round</b>									
Consistent	95.0	95.7	94.2	99.6	99.5	99.7	98.3	98.5	98.2
Never had sex	64.3	90.9	33.9	62.8	95.2	25.5	56.6	85.8	23.1
Had sexual intercourse	30.7	4.8	60.3	36.8	4.3	74.2	41.7	12.6	75.1
Inconsistent	5.0	4.3	5.8	0.4	0.5	0.3	1.7	1.6	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

†Index based on the number of the following household amenities—electric light, running water, flush toilet and a gas or electric stove. Notes: The sample sizes—373 females and 325 males—vary slightly on some variables due to nonresponse. Round 1 of the survey was conducted in September 1995; Round 2 was conducted in June 1996; and Round 3 was conducted in June 1997.