

Table 1. Percentage of adolescents with selected social and demographic characteristics or median values for selected characteristics, by gender and residence, Mali, 1998

Characteristic	Males		Females	
	Urban (N=403)	Rural (N=372)	Urban (N=443)	Rural (N=478)
Education				
% ever attended school	80.6	18.6***	61.2	8.2***
% currently in school	66.3	10.8***	40.4	2.3***
Marital status				
% currently married	0.0	0.8	0.0	48.7
% currently engaged	0.5	4.8***	23.7	38.7***
Median age at marriage (yrs.)	na	na	na	17.3
Sexual characteristics				
Median age at puberty (yrs.)	16.7	16.8	15.2	15.2
Median age at first intercourse (yrs.)	17.4	16.8	17.9	15.7
% ever had sex	48.6	38.4**	52.1	82.2***
15	13.5	11.2	26.6	42.1*
16	40.3	20.5**	47.5	74.7***
17	59.8	52.6	61.5	88.2***
18	66.0	66.7	68.4	95.0***
19	69.8	67.9	71.7	97.5***

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. Note: na=not applicable.