

Table 1. Percentage distribution of respondents, by selected characteristics, according to marital status, four districts of Orissa, 1998

Characteristic	Total (N=2,087)	Married men (N=958)	Single men (N=1,129)
Residence			
Urban	50.0	40.7	57.9
Rural	50.0	59.3	42.1
District			
Balasore	25.1	25.7	24.6
Cuttack	25.2	19.4	30.1
Ganjam	24.9	29.3	21.1
Puri	24.8	25.6	24.2
Education			
None	11.2	19.9	3.8
Primary/ nonformal	17.3	26.9	9.2
Secondary	34.7	36.1	33.5
Higher	36.8	17.0	53.5
Caste			
Upper	25.6	21.8	28.9
Scheduled	21.9	26.2	18.3
Other backward	49.5	48.5	50.4
Scheduled tribe	1.4	1.9	1.1
None (Muslim)	1.4	1.6	1.3
Age-group			
18-19	12.4	0.1	22.9
20-24	30.1	7.2	49.5
25-29	26.5	31.3	22.5
30-35	31.0	61.4	5.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0