

**Table 1. Mean values and percentages of study participants, by selected characteristics, according to interview status, Cameroon, 1998–1999**

| Characteristic  | Followed up<br>(N=571) | Lost to follow up<br>(N=796) | t- (or z-) statistic | p    |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------|
| Mean age (in years)   | 27.4                   | 27.0                         | 0.874                | .382 |
| % residing in rural area  | 9.5                    | 10.0                         | -0.363               | .716 |
| Mean no. of years of education  | 7.1                    | 7.3                          | -0.809               | .419 |
| Mean no. of children ever born*   | 2.7                    | 2.2                          | 3.352                | .001 |
| % single*   | 28.2                   | 34.2                         | -2.334               | .019 |
| % exposed to family planning information on the media during last 12 months | 56.4                   | 52.8                         | 1.328                | .184 |
| % who knew four or more modern contraceptive methods*                       | 72.8                   | 67.3                         | 2.188                | .029 |
| % currently using any contraceptive method                                  | 37.1                   | 36.0                         | 0.406                | .685 |
| % currently using a modern contraceptive method                             | 15.6                   | 12.3                         | 1.738                | .082 |

\*Difference of means or percentages between groups is statistically significant at  $p=.05$ .