

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

Characteristic	Followed up (N=571)	Lost to follow up (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 $p=.05$.