

TABLE 2. Means and percentages measuring selected risk-related characteristics of unmarried Ghanaian youth, by type of characteristic, according to age-group and gender

Measure	Total		12-14		15-19		20-24	
	Males (N=2,294)	Females (N=1,445)	Males (N=553)	Females (N=308)	Males (N=1,021)	Females (N=758)	Males (N=720)	Females (N=739)
Communication with family members and friends								
Family members and friends approve of avoiding sex (range, 0-12)	8.5	9.0	8.0	8.5	8.5	9.1	9.0	9.2
Family members approve of using contraceptives (range, 0-10)	6.3	6.0	5.5	4.9	6.3	6.0	6.7	6.8
Communicate with family members and friends about avoiding sex (range, 0-6)	0.7	1.3	0.3	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.0	1.3
Communicate with family members about contraceptives (range, 0-5)	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6
Peer behaviors and influence								
Perceive that friends are sexually experienced (range, 0-6)	2.1	2.5	1.1	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.8	3.1
Importance of friends' opinions (range, 0-4)	2.5	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.5	2.2	2.8	2.4
Brother was involved in a pregnancy before marriage (%)	10.5	18.8	5.1	14.0	10.9	16.6	14.1	27.2
Sister was pregnant before marriage (%)	11.5	17.8	8.9	10.7	11.4	16.6	13.6	25.9
Community connection								
Moved more than once since age 10 (%)	35.7	39.0	14.6	20.8	32.1	39.1	56.9	53.6
No. of friends	4.4	3.4	3.7	3.2	4.3	3.4	5.1	3.6
Gender role perceptions								
Egalitarian (range, 0-9)	5.8	6.2	5.7	6.1	5.8	6.2	6.0	6.3
Perceived self-efficacy								
In sexual relationships (range, 0-36)	24.6	26.3	24.3	27.0	25.0	26.5	24.4	25.3
In condom use (range, 0-36)	15.8	14.5	12.3	11.5	15.4	14.3	18.4	16.8
In partner communication (range, 0-8)	6.1	5.5	4.3	4.9	5.9	5.4	6.3	5.6
Communication with sexual partners								
Communicated with last partner about STI/pregnancy (range, 0-4)	2.2	2.2	1.3	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.4

Notes: For definitions of measures and scales, see text, pages 15-18. All measures not specified as percentages are index means.

TABLE 3. Percentage of unmarried youth who were sexually experienced and, among these, mean lifetime number of partners and percentage who had recently had multiple partners, by age-group and gender

Measure	Total		12-14		15-19		20-24	
	Male (N=2,292)	Female (N=1,441)	Male (N=552)	Female (N=306)	Male (N=1,020)	Female (N=756)	Male (N=720)	Female (N=379)
% sexually experienced	36.1	41.1	3.6	10.1	28.3	35.2	72.1	77.8
Mean no. of lifetime partners†	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.9	1.5
% who had >1 partner during last 3 mos.†	11.4	4.1	15.8	6.5	11.5	3.1	11.1	4.8

†Based on sexually experienced respondents.