

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of never-married young adults by selected background characteristics, according to gender, Nicaragua Young Adults Survey, 1998

Characteristic	Male (N=289)	Female (N=552)	All (N=841)
Age			
15-19	68.2	76.1	73.4
20-24	31.8	23.9	26.6
Residence			
Rural	20.8	22.3	21.8
Urban	79.2	77.7	78.2
Education			
None	4.0	1.7	2.5
Primary	33.5	23.2	26.7
Secondary	56.6	64.9	62.1
>secondary	5.9	10.2	8.7
Religion			
None	8.7	6.2	7.0
Protestant	15.2	18.1	17.1
Catholic	75.8	74.8	75.2
Other	0.4	0.9	0.7
Currently in school			
Yes	43.9	31.0	35.4
No	56.1	69.0	64.6
Currently working			
Yes	56.1	83.1	73.9
No	43.9	16.9	26.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: All percentages are weighted.