

**TABLE 4. Mean scores of young adults on scales measuring attitudes toward premarital sex and premarital pregnancy, by gender**

Topic and statement	Males* (N=195)	Females* (N=417)
<b>Premarital sex</b>		
The only way to express true love is by having sexual relations	3.2	1.6
If a girl is truly in love with her boyfriend, she should accept the test of love by having sex with him	4.4	1.7
It is normal for a person like me to have premarital sex	7.2	5.2
I would feel guilty if I had premarital sex	3.6	5.9
If I don't have premarital sex, my friends will make fun of me	5.4	2.4
People my age who have premarital sex show adult behavior and maturity	5.5	4.2
Decent girls do not have premarital sex	6.3	4.8
It is acceptable for boys to have premarital sex	6.7	5.3
<b>Premarital pregnancy</b>		
The single woman who gets pregnant loses all of her value as a woman	4.3	3.3
It is certain that my family will support me if I become pregnant (get my partner pregnant)	7.4	5.7
A girl who wants to tie down her boyfriend should try to get pregnant	4.0	1.6
Girls my age get pregnant so they can move out of their parents' or guardian's house	4.3	3.3
If I get pregnant by my boyfriend (get my girlfriend pregnant), it is certain we will break up	6.3	3.7
If an unmarried girl gets pregnant, she should leave her parents' or guardian's house	4.1	3.4

\*Differences between scores of males and females are statistically significant for all the statements at  $p=.05$ .

Notes: Mean score is based on an 11-point scale, with a 10 reflecting complete agreement with the statement and a zero reflecting complete disagreement with the statement.