

**Table 2. Percentage distribution of 15–17-year old mothers, by age difference between woman and partner, according to selected characteristics, National Maternal and Infant Health Survey, 1988 (unweighted N=673)**

Characteristic	Father's age		
	Older†	Similar‡	Total
<b>All</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Race</b>			
Black	26.1	73.9	100.0
Hispanic	33.8	66.3	100.0
White/other§	25.2	74.8	100.0
<b>Household income</b>			
≤\$10,000	24.0	76.0	100.0
>\$10,000	30.2	69.8	100.0
<b>Parity</b>			
First birth	24.9	75.1***	100.0
Higher-order birth	41.9	58.2	100.0
<b>Used alcohol 3 mos. before pregnancy</b>			
Yes	43.3	56.8***	100.0
No	22.2	77.8	100.0

\*\*\*Difference is statistically significant, based on chi-square tests, at  $p \leq .001$ . †In this and subsequent tables, older signifies male partner is 5 years older than female partner. ‡In this and subsequent tables, similar denotes couples in which the male partner is <5 years older than the female partner or younger than she. §Other race includes Asian, Aleutian Islander and American Indian.