

**TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of couples interviewed three months after marriage, by wife's desired interval between marriage and conception, and by both spouses' desired number of children, according to selected characteristics, Shanghai, 1987-1988**

Characteristic	Desired interval (mos.)					Desired no. of children				Total
	N*	≤3	4-6	7-12	≥13	N	Both want one	One wants two	Both want two	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,877</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>7,337</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Wife's age at marriage (yrs.)</b>										
20-23	438	49.3	6.6	21.2	22.8	506	53.6	22.1	24.3	100.0
24-25	1,605	45.7	14.8	24.4	15.1	1,769	48.8	25.7	25.4	100.0
26-27	2,221	50.9	15.5	21.9	11.6	2,318	48.8	28.3	22.9	100.0
28-29	1,175	59.8	15.8	17.1	7.2	1,222	52.8	25.9	21.3	100.0
≥30	1,435	77.3	11.4	8.9	2.4	1,521	51.2	29.2	19.7	100.0
<b>Couple's education</b>										
Both spouses ≤middle school	1,344	72.7	12.7	10.6	4.0	1,475	56.1	23.2	20.7	100.0
At least one completed high school	4,287	55.7	14.5	19.6	10.1	4,575	49.6	27.4	23.1	100.0
At least one ≥college	1,246	42.5	13.4	25.4	18.6	1,285	46.1	30.4	23.4	100.0
<b>Couple's occupation</b>										
At least one white-collar	2,387	46.5	14.5	23.2	15.8	2,465	45.4	30.7	23.9	100.0
Both blue-collar	4,489	62.0	13.7	16.6	7.7	4,872	52.8	25.2	22.0	100.0
<b>Education of wife's parents</b>										
Both ≤primary school	2,490	62.9	14.8	15.3	7.1	2,713	52.0	27.0	21.0	100.0
At least one completed middle school	3,511	54.9	14.2	20.1	10.9	3,718	49.9	26.7	23.4	100.0
At least one ≥college	874	45.9	10.9	24.6	18.6	905	46.5	28.8	24.6	100.0

\*Excludes 461 wives who conceived within three months after marrying. Notes: Ns are weighted. Ns for subgroups may not add to totals because of missing data. Associations between each characteristic and outcome measure are significant at  $p < .05$ .