

TABLE 2. Median ages and percentages of ever-married women aged 25–49 living in urban and rural Andhra Pradesh, by key life and reproductive events, 1998–1999

Event	Total	Urban	Rural
First marriage			
No.	2,839	793	2,046
Median age	15.0	16.0	15.0
% marrying before age 18	79.3	63.8	85.3
Consummation†			
No.	2,839	793	2,046
Median age	15.0	16.0	15.0
% consummating before age 18	79.3	63.8	85.3
First birth‡			
No.	2,695	757	1,938
Median age	17.0	18.0	17.0
% with first birth before age 18	53.9	41.6	58.7
Last birth‡			
No.	2,686	754	1,932
Median age	24.0	24.0	24.0
% with last birth before age 25	55.9	55.4	56.1
Female sterilization			
No.	1,650	442	1,208
Median age	24.0	24.0	24.0
% sterilized before age 25	58.0	56.1	58.7
Male sterilization			
No. of women relying on method	162	47	115
Median age of women at time of husband's sterilization	25.0	25.0	25.0
% of women relying on method before age 25	45.1	48.9	43.5
Menopause§			
No.	2,033	578	1,455
% menopausal	23.0	19.0	24.6

†Consummation of first marriage, referred to as cohabitation in the survey.
 ‡Based on women who gave birth at least once. §Based on 30–49-year-olds because data were available only for this age-group. *Note:* Analysis is restricted to 25–49-year-olds to avoid censoring data.