

TABLE 1. Selected social and demographic characteristics of Chinese women, by province

Characteristic	Jiangsu (N=1,500)	Anhui (N=1,496)	Yunnan (N=1,505)
MEAN			
Age	35.5	33.0	32.8
Age at marriage	23.6	23.1	21.4
No. of live births	1.3	1.8	2.1
% DISTRIBUTION			
Education			
None	2.1	36.6	6.8
Primary	29.0	42.2	56.5
Middle	58.3	20.3	32.9
Secondary	10.5	0.9	3.7
≥college	0.2	0.0	0.1
Occupation			
Farmer	21.3	95.9	89.8
Employee*	62.1	0.3	0.4
Self-employed	10.1	1.9	8.0
Cadret†	3.1	0.1	0.2
Other	3.3	1.7	1.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Worker in a local enterprise. †State employees, including government officials, bureaucrats, teachers and doctors. *Notes:* Data were collected in Jiangsu and Anhui in 1996, and in Yunnan in 1998. Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.