

TABLE 1. Selected characteristics of ever-married women who had given birth in the last five years or were currently pregnant, and of ever-married women who had not given birth during that time and were not currently pregnant, Colombia Demographic and Health Survey, 2000

Characteristic	Recent birth or current pregnancy (N=3,431)	No recent birth or current pregnancy (N=4,285)
Demographic		
Age (mean yrs.)	28.0***	37.8
Age at first birth (mean yrs.)†	20.7	20.7
No. of children (mean)	2.3***	2.6
Socioeconomic composite score (mean)	4.9***	5.6
Have item in household (%)		
Refrigerator	56.5***	71.4
Telephone	40.0***	55.0
Radio	83.4***	89.9
Television	81.3***	89.2
Running water	82.3***	87.6
Durable floor	83.7***	89.6
Flush toilet	63.0***	73.9
Urban residence (%)	69.4***	76.9
Education level (%)		
None	3.4***	5.3
Primary	39.3	40.8
Secondary	48.4***	42.3
Higher than secondary	9.0***	11.6
Employment (%)		
Professional, technical or managerial	5.3***	8.1
Clerical or sales	17.5***	21.2
Manual, agricultural or service	28.9***	38.1
None	47.3***	32.4
Currently married or living with partner (%)	84.4***	72.4
Region		
Atlántica	29.2	27.0
Bogotá	13.6	13.8
Central	25.1	25.8
Oriental	16.6	16.1
Pacífica	15.4	17.3
Fertility		
Ever used contraceptives (%)	87.5**	89.4
Currently using contraceptives (%)	55.1***	61.8
Big problem if became pregnant (%)‡	50.2***	44.6
Ever had a terminated pregnancy (%)	22.4***	9.0
Discussed family planning		
with partner (%)	16.6***	7.3
with nonpartner (%)	52.4***	46.1
Abuse		
Father hit mother (%)	33.1*	30.2
Ever forced to have sex by nonpartner (%)	7.1	6.4

*Difference from women with no recent birth or current pregnancy significant at p<.05. **Difference from women with no recent birth or current pregnancy significant at p<.01. ***Difference from women with no recent birth or current pregnancy significant at p<.001. †The sample for this measure was limited to women who had ever given birth. Percentages are based on 3,297 women with a recent birth or current pregnancy and 3,878 women with no recent birth or current pregnancy. ‡Based on 2,311 women with a recent birth or current pregnancy and 2,029 with no recent birth or current pregnancy.