

Table 1. Percentage distribution of survey respondents, percentage who have ever had sex and median age at first sex, by selected characteristics, Los Angeles County (N=870)

Characteristic	% distribution	% who have had sex	Median age at first sex
Total	100.0	26.6	16.9
Gender			
Male	53.4	29.7	16.6***
Female	46.6	23.3	17.2
Ethnicity			
White	25.9	27.0	16.6***
Black	11.1	45.6	15.8
Hispanic	48.7	24.4	17.0
Asian American	10.7	14.2	18.1
Other	3.6	34.2	17.4
Family structure			
Both biological parents	57.9	19.4	17.6***
Single parent	26.0	35.9	16.4
Stepfamily	12.6	36.2	16.2
Other	3.5	44.4	16.6
Household income			
1st quartile	27.8	31.1	16.6
2nd quartile	21.6	26.1	17.5
3rd quartile	24.6	24.8	16.8
4th quartile	26.0	24.3	17.0
Mother's education (yrs.)			
<12	41.3	24.9	17.2
12	23.4	24.3	17.0
>12	35.3	28.7	17.0

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. Notes: Percentage distribution is based on weighted N. Significance testing is based on Wilcoxon test for homogeneity across survival strata, using unweighted data.