

TABLE 3. Among female youth, adjusted relative risk, from Cox regressions, of having had sex by age 17 and by age 24, according to selected variables

Variable	Relative risk of sex	
	By age 17 (N=1,367)	By age 24 (N=1,370)
CHARACTERISTICS		
Educational level		
Primary (ref)	1.00	1.00
Secondary	0.83*	0.94
>secondary	0.39***	0.53***
Ethnic group		
Akan/Mandé	1.00	1.00
Krou	1.55***	1.42**
Voltaïque	1.21†	1.09
Other	0.78†	0.77*
Whom respondent lived with before age 12		
Both parents (ref)	1.00	1.00
Father only	1.25	1.27†
Other relatives	1.28**	1.28**
Other	0.96	0.95
Whom respondent lives with now		
Both parents (ref)	1.00	1.00
Father only	0.65*	0.74*
Other	0.95	1.02
PERCEPTIONS		
A pregnancy could jeopardize professional ambitions		
Somewhat agrees/disagrees/ does not know (ref)	1.00	1.00
Strongly agrees	0.76**	0.75***
Could resist having sex with somebody known for >3 mos.		
Maybe/no/does not know (ref)	1.00	1.00
Yes, definitely	0.75***	0.74***
No. of single, close male friends who have had sex		
None/a few (ref)	1.00	na
Most/all	2.18*	na
Has no close male friends/does not know	1.91†	na
No. of single, close female friends who have had sex		
None/a few (ref)	1.00	1.00
Most/all	1.80***	2.19***
Has no close female friends/ does not know	1.47*	1.73***

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †p<.10. ‡Includes informal schooling only and does not know. Notes: ref=reference category, na=not applicable.