

**TABLE 4. Among male 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=1,197)	By age 24 (N=1,192)
<b>PERCEPTIONS</b>		
<b>Could resist having sex with somebody known for only a few days</b>		
Maybe/no/does not know (ref)	na	1.00
Yes, definitely	na	0.83*
<b>Could resist having sex with somebody known for &gt;3 mos.</b>		
Maybe/no/does not know (ref)	1.00	1.00
Yes, definitely	0.69***	0.77**
<b>Could resist having sex with somebody "loved dearly"</b>		
Maybe/no/does not know (ref)	na	1.00
Yes, definitely	na	0.80*
<b>Risk of AIDS</b>		
None (ref)	na	1.00
Moderate	na	1.28*
High/has AIDS	na	1.21†
Does not know	na	0.88
<b>No. of single, close male friends who have had sex</b>		
None/a few (ref)	1.00	1.00
Mbst/all	2.36***	2.02***
Has no close male friends/does not know	1.08	1.09
<b>No. of single, close female friends who have had sex</b>		
None/a few (ref)	na	1.00
Mbst/all	na	1.41*
Has no close female friends/does not know	na	1.15
<b>Close friends' opinion of respondent's abstaining from sex until marriage</b>		
Disapprove/has no close friends/does not know (ref)	1.00	1.00
Approve	0.79**	0.83*
<b>SIBLINGS CHARACTERISTIC</b>		
<b>Siblings with a premarital birth</b>		
None/has no siblings (ref)	1.00	1.00
Brother(s) only	1.37*	1.35*
Sister(s) only	1.09	1.18†
Brother(s) and sister(s)	1.40**	1.38***

\*p<.05. \*\*p<.01. \*\*\*p<.001. †p<.10. Notes: ref=reference category, na=not applicable.