

Table 1. Percentage distribution of U.S. women aged 15–44 who had sex in the previous three months, by the difference between their age and that of their partner, according to women's age and marital status, National Survey of Family Growth, 1995

Age and marital status of woman	N (000s)	Age difference between woman and partner				
		≥3 yrs. younger	0–2 yrs. older or younger	3–5 yrs. older	≥6 yrs. older	Total
Total	46,773	9.8	52.1	20.3	17.8	100.0
15–19	3,615	0.6**	62.5**	27.6*	9.3**	100.0
15–17	1,517	0.0**	64.1**	29.2*	6.7**	100.0
18–19	2,098	1.1**	61.3**	26.4*	11.2**	100.0
20–24	6,927	3.1**	59.3**	20.5	17.1	100.0
25–29	8,251	10.7	51.4	20.5	17.4	100.0
30–34	9,705	9.5	49.2	19.4	21.9**	100.0
35–39	9,863	12.7	49.9	18.2	19.2	100.0
40–44	8,412	15.0**	48.2	20.6	16.2	100.0
Currently married	28,995	7.8***	54.0***	21.0	17.2	100.0
15–19	341	0.0**	46.8	34.3	18.9	100.0
20–24	2,460	0.7**	56.5	23.4	19.4	100.0
25–29	4,958	5.0	56.0	22.1	16.9	100.0
30–34	6,976	6.7	53.3	20.5	19.5	100.0
35–39	7,528	10.6**	54.6	18.8	16.0	100.0
40–44	6,732	10.8**	52.0	21.8	15.4	100.0
Currently unmarried	17,779	13.0	49.1	19.1	18.8	100.0
15–19	3,274	0.7**	64.1**	26.9*	8.3**	100.0
15–17	1,460	0.0**	65.5**	29.0**	5.5**	100.0
18–19	1,814	1.3**	63.0**	25.2*	10.5**	100.0
20–24	4,467	4.4**	60.8**	19.0	15.8	100.0
25–29	3,293	19.5	44.4	18.1	18.1	100.0
30–34	2,729	16.8	39.2	16.0	28.0**	100.0
35–39	2,336	19.7	34.8**	16.1	29.5**	100.0
40–44	1,680	31.4**	33.4**	15.9	19.3	100.0

*Percentage is significantly different from percentage for women aged 25–29 at $p < .05$. **Percentage is significantly different from percentage for women aged 25–29 at $p < .01$. ***Percentage is significantly different from percentage for currently unmarried women at $p < .01$. Note: Respondents were aged 15–44 as of April 1, 1995; their actual age range at interview was 14–45.