

**Table 3. Percentage of women aged 15–19 who ever had sexual intercourse, percentage who had intercourse in the past three months and mean number of months in the past year in which sexually experienced adolescents had sex, by poverty status and age at interview, according to year**

Measure and age	1982	1988	1995
<b>% WHO EVER HAD INTERCOURSE</b>			
<b>&lt;200% of poverty</b>			
15–19	55.4	55.5	57.0
15–17	45.4	40.4	45.6
18–19	65.0*	80.1	72.7
<b>≥200% of poverty</b>			
15–19	39.4***	49.7	48.0††††
15–17	22.5***	34.8	34.3††††
18–19	63.0	69.5	69.5
<b>% WHO HAD INTERCOURSE IN PAST 3 MONTHS</b>			
<b>&lt;200% of poverty</b>			
15–19	49.2	44.5	45.3
15–17	38.5	30.4	34.7
18–19	59.5	67.3	60.1
<b>≥200% of poverty</b>			
15–19	31.8**	40.7	37.1†
15–17	18.3**	26.6	23.9†
18–19	50.7	59.4	57.8
<b>MEAN NO. OF MONTHS IN PAST YEAR IN WHICH SEXUALLY EXPERIENCED WOMEN HAD SEX</b>			
<b>&lt;200% of poverty</b>			
15–19	9.4****	8.5	8.9†
15–17	9.1*	8.2	8.3
18–19	9.6*	8.8	9.4
<b>≥200% of poverty</b>			
15–19	8.7	8.7	8.4
15–17	8.3	8.2	7.7
18–19	8.9	9.0	8.9

\*Significantly different from 1988 at  $p < .10$ . \*\*Significantly different from 1988 at  $p < .05$ . \*\*\*Significantly different from 1988 at  $p < .01$ . \*\*\*\*Significantly different from 1988 at  $p < .001$ . †Significantly different from 1982 at  $p < .10$ . ††††Significantly different from 1982 at  $p < .001$ . Note: No differences between 1988 and 1995 were statistically significant at  $p < .10$ .