

Table 2. Percentage distribution of U.S. school districts with a policy to teach sexuality education (and weighted and unweighted number of districts), by how that policy addresses teaching abstinence and contraception, according to district characteristic

Characteristic	Sexuality education policy			Total	Weighted N	Unweighted N
	Contraception as effective		Contraception as ineffective			
	Comprehensive	Abstinence- plus	Abstinence- only†			
All	14.4	50.9	34.7	100.0	8,910	652
Region						
Northeast	25.4	54.5	20.1*	100.0	2,035	99
South	5.2**	39.8	55.0**	100.0	2,030	238
Midwest	11.5	53.6	34.9	100.0	2,940	153
West	17.0	54.7	28.3	100.0	1,905	162
Division						
Northeast						
New England	18.8	67.2	14.0**	100.0	867	40
Middle Atlantic	30.3	45.0	24.8	100.0	1,170	59
South						
South Atlantic	13.4	32.1*	54.4*	100.0	753	120
East South Central	2.2**	64.2	33.6	100.0	226	23
West South Central	0.0**	40.0	60.0**	100.0	1,050	95
Midwest						
East North Central	14.7	50.1	35.3	100.0	1,478	91
West North Central	8.3*	57.3	34.5	100.0	1,462	62
West						
Mountain	11.6	48.1	40.3	100.0	765	56
Pacific	20.6	59.0	20.4*	100.0	1,140	106
Enrollment size (no. of students)						
Large (≥25,000)	3.4**	56.3	40.4	100.0	208	174
Medium (5,000–24,999)	12.1	46.8	41.1	100.0	1,383	280
Small (<5,000)	15.2	51.5	33.3	100.0	7,320	198
Metropolitan status						
Central city	9.1	55.8	35.1	100.0	496	156
Suburban	15.1	52.7	32.3	100.0	3,860	305
Nonmetropolitan	14.4	48.9	36.7	100.0	4,555	191

*Differs significantly from national total at $p < .05$. **Differs significantly from national total at $p < .01$. †Combines the two categories "as the only positive option outside of marriage" and "as the only option outside of marriage."