

TABLE 1. Percentage of ever-married women aged 15–49, by selected indicators of their household position, according to social and demographic characteristics and perceptions of the accessibility of maternal health care, Nepal Demographic and Health Survey, 2001

Characteristic	N	Involved in decision making		Working and had influence over use of earnings	Discussed family planning with husband at least once [§]
		Own health care [†]	Large purchases [‡]		
Total	4,695	25.4	27.7	7.1	51.3
Age					
15–19	375	8.9***	9.4***	3.0***	48.7***
20–24	1,364	21.0	20.0	6.7	53.7
25–29	1,338	28.5	30.7	7.2	52.5
30–34	839	27.9	35.1	10.4	55.6
≥35	779	32.9	37.7	6.6	41.7
No. of children ever born					
1	984	16.6***	14.9***	5.6***	47.9*
2–3	1,884	27.0	28.9	8.6	53.5
4–5	1,095	28.7	33.3	6.6	53.0
≥6	732	27.8	34.2	6.4	47.7
Residence					
Urban	328	30.2	27.4	18.9***	65.8***
Rural	4,367	25.0	33.3	6.3	50.2
Region					
Terai	2,382	22.2***	26.9**	7.6***	53.1
Hill	1,957	30.1	30.4	7.2	50.4
Mountain	356	22.2	19.2	3.4	44.8
Woman's education					
None	3,925	25.1**	38.5*	5.9***	47.6***
Primary	585	24.4	39.5	11.5	68.0
≥secondary	185	36.3	50.2	20.3	76.6
Husband's education					
None	1,623	24.7	29.4	6.5***	41.5***
Primary	1,161	28.1	29.0	7.4	50.9
≥secondary	1,806	25.3	26.4	7.5	60.4
Missing	105	na	na	na	na
Husband's occupation					
Unskilled	2,921	20.5***	24.7***	4.8***	50.2***
Skilled	1,360	34.0	33.3	12.1	53.6
Professional	237	28.3	32.7	10.8	66.7
Missing	177	na	na	na	na
Socioeconomic status					
Low	2,091	26.2***	30.9***	6.7***	47.0***
Middle	2,181	24.7	25.7	7.2	54.4
High	114	43.1	45.6	25.8	67.7
Missing	309††	na	na	na	na
Geographic accessibility of care					
Big problem	2,489	22.5***	25.5**	5.2***	46.1***
No/little problem	2,206	28.9	30.2	9.4	57.2
Economic accessibility of care					
Big problem	3,215	23.9**	25.6**	6.0***	45.9***
No/little problem	1,480	29.0	30.4	10.0	63.0

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †Responses missing for 17 women. ‡Responses missing for 13 women. §Responses missing for four women. ††Three hundred and seven women were not living at their usual address and were not asked this question; responses were missing for two other cases. Notes: F tests performed for differentials across subgroups. na=not applicable.