

TABLE 5. Mean age difference between husbands and wives, and percentage of wives in polygamous marriages, by wife's age at marriage—both according to country

Country	Age difference (yrs.)		% in polygamous marriage	
	Wife married at age <18	Wife married at age ≥18	Wife married at age <18	Wife married at age ≥18
South and East Africa‡				
Ethiopia	8.5	7.5†	11.5	7.1*
Kenya	9.1	6.5***	20.0	10.3***
Malawi	6.2	4.7***	17.1	11.3**
Mozambique	6.7	6.2	26.7	24.7*
Namibia	7.2	5.9	4.9	18.3**
Rwanda	8.0	5.5***	12.9	4.9**
South Africa	7.1	5.3**	5.2	6.1
Tanzania	7.9	6.1***	7.6	4.5†
Uganda	6.5	5.1***	30.7	20.8**
Zambia	6.7	5.8**	15.2	11.0†
Zimbabwe	9.1	5.9***	20.4	11.2**
West Africa‡				
Benin	9.9	7.7***	46.4	36.1**
Burkina Faso	12.1	10.4***	46.4	13.9***
Cameroon	11.1	7.9***	34.7	15.2***
Côte d'Ivoire	u	u	35.3	20.0*
Gabon	7.5	7.3	18.5	10.5*
Ghana	7.1	7.1	18.0	14.6
Guinea	14.2	12.8*	50.5	46.2
Mali	11.8	10.3***	41.8	29.4***
Niger	9.7	10.1	30.9	25.0
Nigeria	11.0	9.2**	42.2	14.7***
Togo	8.9	7.2***	41.4	35.4†
Latin America/Caribbean§				
Brazil	6.3	7.7***	u	u
Colombia	7.7	3.7***	u	u
Dom. Republic	7.3	4.3***	u	u
Guatemala	4.7	2.8***	u	u
Haiti	7.6	5.0***	24.9	23.4
Nicaragua	5.7	3.5***	u	u
Peru	5.6	3.0***	u	u

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †p<.10. ‡Among women aged 25–29 who were married to their first husband. §Among women aged 30–34 who were married to their first husband. Note: u=unavailable.