

**TABLE 4. Adjusted rate ratios (and 95% confidence intervals) from Cox regression survival analysis assessing associations between selected characteristics of female students and time to sexual initiation**

Characteristic	Adjusted rate ratio
Age (compared with 20–21-year-olds)	
15–17	2.4 (1.6–3.5)***
18–19	1.4 (1.1–1.8)**
Ever went out dancing or drinking	2.2 (1.4–3.5)**
High perceived risk for STIs	1.9 (1.2–3.1)**
Ever used marijuana	1.6 (1.0–2.6)*
Has no family member as confidant	1.5 (1.2–1.9)**
Had ≥3 alcoholic drinks at one time in past 3 mos.	1.4 (1.0–1.9)*
Ever used methamphetamine	1.4 (1.1–1.8)*
Neither parent works in agriculture	1.3 (1.1–1.7)*
Lives in boarding house or rented room	1.3 (1.0–1.6)*

\*p<.05. \*\*p<.01. \*\*\*p<.001. Note: Variables were eliminated from the model in the following order: has close friend as confidant, parents not living together, smoked cigarettes in past three months, peer pressure to use methamphetamine and perceived risk for HIV.