

TABLE 1. Selected characteristics of respondents, by region, gender and marriage cohort, Vietnam Surveys of Family Change, 2003–2004

Characteristic	North						South					
	Men			Women			Men			Women		
	1963–1971 (N=211)	1977–1985 (N=214)	1992–2000 (N=215)	1963–1971 (N=213)	1977–1985 (N=215)	1992–2000 (N=215)	1963–1971 (N=206)	1977–1985 (N=195/ 198)†	1992–2000 (N=201/ 203)†	1963–1971 (N=206/ 208)†	1977–1985 (N=211)	1992–2000 (N=209)
MEAN												
Age at marriage	25.1	25.6	26.4	21.5	22.2	21.5	23.9	23.8	26.7	20.0	21.8	22.9
% DISTRIBUTIONS												
Grades completed in school‡												
1–5	2.8	1.4	1.9	8.9	1.4	3.7	40.8	19.2	14.4	61.5	41.2	26.3
6–9	46.0	49.1	37.2	63.9	55.8	54.0	25.2	40.4	40.3	20.2	28.9	45.5
10–12	35.6	39.2	47.4	15.0	33.5	32.1	24.8	30.3	33.3	14.0	25.6	23.4
≥12	15.6	10.3	13.5	12.2	9.3	10.2	9.2	10.1	12.0	4.3	4.3	4.8
Residence												
Rural	51.2	50.0	50.2	50.2	49.8	50.2	50.0	48.5	50.7	49.5	49.8	50.2
Urban	48.8	50.0	49.8	49.8	50.2	49.8	50.0	51.5	49.3	50.5	50.2	49.8
Wealth												
Rural												
<sample median	89.8	87.9	94.4	87.8	89.7	89.8	57.3	56.4	66.0	57.3	64.8	66.7
≥sample median	10.2	12.1	5.6	12.2	10.3	10.2	42.7	43.6	34.0	42.7	35.2	33.3
Urban												
<sample median	31.1	31.8	37.4	30.2	25.0	26.2	13.6	21.8	21.0	17.5	13.2	17.3
≥sample median	68.9	68.2	62.6	69.8	75.0	73.8	86.4	78.2	79.0	82.5	86.8	82.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

†The two N's represent the minimum and maximum number of responses for the items in this column. ‡Respondents who were illiterate (N=38; 1.5% of the sample) were categorized as having completed 1–5 grades.