

TABLE 4. Mean predicted probability of premarital sex, by region and gender of respondent, according to selected characteristics

Characteristic	North		South	
	Men† (N=637)	Women‡ (N=639)	Men† (N=593)	Women‡ (N=622)
Grades completed in schools				
1–9 (ref)	14.8	4.7	26.3	4.6
≥10	17.6	6.1	30.1	6.8
Residence				
Urban (ref)	24.5	8.7	26.3	5.4
Rural	8.9*	3.0*	29.3	4.9
Wealth index quartile				
Lowest (ref)	17.8	6.5	31.0	6.1
Second	16.8	3.1	25.8	3.9
Third	17.4	5.1	26.8	3.6
Highest	14.1	5.8	29.2	7.2
Marriage cohort				
1963–1971 (ref)	6.2	0.5	24.7	2.1
1977–1985	12.7*	4.1*	28.5	4.8
1992–2000	30.2*	10.9*	30.3	9.6*

*Differs significantly from reference group at $p < .05$. †Probability of having had premarital sex with any partner. ‡Probability of having had premarital sex with current spouse. §Respondents who were illiterate were categorized as having completed 1–5 grades. Notes: ref=reference group. All probabilities control for age at marriage.