

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of married young women in India, by selected characteristics, according to whether they told their husband when they did not want to have sex, 2002–2003

Characteristic	Women who told their husband (N=1,664)	Women who did not tell their husband (N=442)
Age		
≤17	19.7	22.2
18–19	37.0	38.7
≥20	43.3	39.1
Current life stage***		
Recently married	31.9	43.7
Pregnant for the first time	12.7	11.8
First-time mother	55.4	44.6
Years of schooling*		
0	16.7	18.4
1–5	31.5	37.4
6–9	33.5	31.1
≥10	18.3	13.2
Current work status		
Working	11.5	13.6
Not working	88.5	86.4
Family type***		
Nuclear	20.4	12.5
Extended	79.6	87.5
Religion***		
Hindu	70.6	82.1
Muslim	29.4	17.9
Standard of living*		
Low	27.8	23.0
Medium	51.8	58.9
High	20.3	18.2
Total	100.0	100.0

*Distribution for women who told their husband when sex was unwanted is significantly different from the distribution for those who did not at $p \leq .05$.

***Distribution for women who told their husband when sex was unwanted is significantly different from the distribution for those who did not at $p \leq .001$.

Note: The standard of living index was based on housing materials and ownership of agricultural land, livestock and household durables (pressure cooker, electric fan, bicycle, radio, sewing machine, telephone, refrigerator, television, motorcycle, and car or tractor). Scores assigned for owning these assets ranged from 1 to 4; index score ranged from 0–34. Scores of 0–4 were classified as low, 5–14 as medium and ≥15 as high.