

Table 1. Percentage distribution of young women aged 20 and younger, by background characteristics, and percentage reporting various types and sources of influence, according to how pregnancy was resolved

Characteristic/influence	Motherhood (N=1,122)	Abortion (N=202)
% DISTRIBUTIONS		
Area of residence		
Suburban	48.5	50.5
Rural and remote	48.1	31.2
Inner urban	3.4	18.3
Living arrangement at time of conception		
With family of origin	47.7	73.8
With partner and his family	42.2	15.3
Alone/with peers	10.2	10.9
Religion		
No religion	27.4	38.2
Catholic	25.3	24.1
Other Christian	44.4	35.7
Muslim/other non-Christian	3.0	2.0
Origin		
Australian/English-speaking	88.1	85.1
Non-English-speaking	4.9	13.9
Indigenous	7.0	1.0
Age at conception (years)		
≤17	26.0	31.7
18–20	74.0	68.3
Marital status at conception		
Not married	91.8	99.0
Married	8.2	1.0
Total	100.0	100.0
INFLUENCES		
Type of influence		
Direct, toward abortion	24.8	39.1
Direct, toward birth	19.3	21.3
Indirect, toward abortion	17.2	31.7
Indirect, toward birth	56.8	38.1
Type and source of influence		
Mother, indirect, toward birth	50.7	33.2
Sister, indirect, toward birth	16.7	9.9
Mother, indirect, toward abortion	10.5	21.3
Sister, indirect, toward abortion	7.9	11.4
Partner, direct, toward abortion	6.1	34.2
Parents, direct, toward abortion	10.7	14.4
Partner, direct, toward birth	15.3	5.9
Parents, direct, toward birth	6.0	5.9