

Table 3. Percentage of adolescent females who ever had sexual intercourse, by age; percentage who had intercourse in the past three months; percentage of 20–24-year-olds who had sex before age 20, by age; and median age at first intercourse among 20–24 year-olds—all according to country

Country	% ever had sex			% who had intercourse in past 3 months*	% who had sex before given age†			Median age at first sex†
	15–19	15–17	18–19		15	18	20	
Sweden‡ (1996)	na	na	80.3	78.7	12.2	65.2	85.6	17.1
France (1992,1994)	49.3§	37.9	67.1	63.9	7.4	50.1	82.5	18.0
Canada (1996)	50.9**	37.4	70.9	u	9.1	53.4	75.2	17.3
Great Britain (1990–1991)	61.1††	40.9‡‡	78.5	62.2	4.1	63.8	84.8	17.5
United States (1995)	51.3	38.3	70.7	58.7	14.1	63.1	80.6	17.2

*Among 18–19-year-olds. †Among 20–24-year-olds. ‡Data are available only for 18–19-year-olds; there are no recent data on sexual activity among 15–17-year-olds. (Source: 1996 National Swedish Population Survey.) §The estimate for 15–19-year-olds is synthetic, obtained by combining results on 15–17-year-olds from the 1994 Survey of Sexual Behavior of Young People and results on 18–19-year-olds from the 1992 Survey of Sexual Behavior, and applying these proportions to the 1995 populations for both age-groups. **The 1990 Health Promotion Survey, which had a much smaller sample, shows higher levels of teenage sexual activity (57.4% of 15–19-year-olds were ever sexually active). ††16–19-year-olds. ‡‡16–17-year-olds. Note: u=unavailable.