

**Table 1. Selected mean values, and percentage distribution of women, by selected characteristics, all according to data set and age at first birth, National Longitudinal Survey of the Labor Market Experience of Youth (NLSY) and Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)**

Characteristic	NLSY					PSID				
	Total (N=4,013)	<20 (N=994)	20–24 (N=1,013)	25–29 (N=742)	≥30 (N=1,264)	Total (N=3,562)	<20 (N=992)	20–24 (N=1,065)	25–29 (N=648)	≥30 (N=857)
<b>MEANS</b>										
<b>Yrs. of schooling</b>	13.2	11.3	12.6	13.9	14.5	13.1	11.4	12.7	14.2	14.3
<b>No. of siblings</b>	3.3	4.0	3.5	3.1	2.9	3.6	4.3	3.7	3.3	3.3
<b>Mother's mean yrs. of schooling</b>	11.7	10.4	11.5	12.1	12.8	11.4	10.3	11.3	11.9	11.9
<b>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS</b>										
<b>Age at first birth</b>										
<20	19.6	na	na	na	na	23.7	na	na	na	na
20–24	24.9	na	na	na	na	28.7	na	na	na	na
25–29	21.2	na	na	na	na	19.8	na	na	na	na
≥30/no birth	34.3	na	na	na	na	27.8	na	na	na	na
<b>Black</b>										
Yes	14.4	28.7	15.3	7.3	6.8	15.8	27.2	15.8	9.2	9.2
No	85.6	71.3	84.7	92.7	93.2	84.2	72.8	84.2	90.8	90.8
<b>Family structure at age 14</b>										
Two parents	84.6	76.3	84.9	88.7	86.6	82.4	72.9	82.8	87.2	87.2
Mother only	13.3	19.2	12.8	10.6	10.1	15.9	24.7	15.8	11.9	11.9
Father only	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4	2.4	1.4	1.0	1.0
Other	1.9	4.0	2.2	0.6	1.0	u	u	u	u	u
<b>Maternal employment at age 14</b>										
Employed	54.5	53.9	56.8	52.9	48.3	59.9	54.7	62.5	58.8	58.8
Not employed	45.5	46.1	43.2	47.1	51.7	40.1	45.3	37.5	41.2	41.2
<b>Region</b>										
Northeast	17.8	10.9	15.0	17.9	27.0	22.5	15.5	18.5	25.6	25.6
North Central	29.3	30.0	32.2	35.5	27.9	26.9	26.7	29.1	30.5	30.5
South	36.8	47.2	35.4	31.1	30.7	32.1	41.4	35.3	25.0	25.0
West	16.1	11.9	17.4	15.4	17.8	18.1	16.4	16.6	17.9	17.9
Other country	na	na	na	na	na	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.9
<b>Period of first birth</b>										
Early 1960s	na	na	na	na	na	3.2	13.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Late 1960s	na	na	na	na	na	11.7	26.0	19.2	0.0	0.0
Early 1970s	2.4	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.6	24.0	23.9	10.4	10.4
Late 1970s	16.5	59.5	19.9	0.0	0.0	17.4	24.2	21.8	24.0	24.0
Early 1980s	25.1	28.0	62.3	19.2	0.0	15.6	12.2	23.9	22.6	22.6
Late 1980s	21.3	0.1	17.8	62.8	41.5	10.7	0.0	11.2	24.2	24.2
Early 1990s	8.9	0.0	0.0	17.9	57.9	11.3	0.0	0.0	18.7	18.7
<b>Birth cohort</b>										
Late 1940s	na	na	na	na	na	23.0	26.6	27.7	16.7	19.6
Early 1950s	na	na	na	na	na	25.8	25.2	25.5	27.3	25.8
Late 1950s	na	na	na	na	na	23.4	25.4	22.0	22.5	24.0
Early 1960s	59.1	57.0	56.7	62.6	59.9	24.8	19.8	22.3	30.9	27.3
Late 1960s	na	na	na	na	na	2.9	3.0	2.5	2.6	3.3

Notes: All values are based on weighted data. u=unavailable. na=not applicable.