

**TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of 11–12-year-old children of female participants in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, by friends' characteristics, according to gender and race, 1990–1994**

| Characteristic             | All<br>(N=1,481) | Gender          |                   | Race             |                     |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                            |                  | Male<br>(N=733) | Female<br>(N=748) | Black<br>(N=559) | Nonblack<br>(N=922) |
| <b>Gender†</b>             |                  |                 |                   |                  |                     |
| All/mostly<br>same sex     | 65.0             | 65.9            | 64.2              | 55.1*            | 67.7                |
| About equal                | 29.6             | 29.1            | 30.2              | 37.8*            | 27.4                |
| All/mostly<br>opposite sex | 5.3              | 5.0             | 5.6               | 7.2              | 4.8                 |
| <b>Grade‡</b>              |                  |                 |                   |                  |                     |
| Same                       | 83.5             | 82.7            | 84.3              | 73.7*            | 86.2                |
| Higher                     | 12.7             | 12.7            | 12.7              | 20.7*            | 10.5                |
| Lower                      | 3.8              | 4.6             | 3.0               | 5.6              | 3.3                 |
| Total                      | 100.0            | 100.0           | 100.0             | 100.0            | 100.0               |

\*Significantly different from percentage for nonblacks at  $p < .05$ . †Excludes 1% of youth who reported having no close friends. ‡Friends who are not in school (1%) were included with those in a higher grade. Note: Percentages are weighted, and missing data are excluded.