

TABLE 5. Percentage distribution of adolescents, by sexual and dating experience, according to gender and race

Characteristic	All	Gender		Race	
		Male	Female	Black	Nonblack
Sexually inexperienced at age 15–16	(N=1,053)	(N=516)	(N=537)	(N=364)	(N=689)
Never dated	30.0	30.0	29.9	45.0*	26.6
First reported dating at age 15–16	34.7	29.2*	40.6	29.9	35.7
First reported dating earlier	35.4	40.8*	29.6	25.1*	37.6
Had sex between ages 11–12 and 15–16	(N=564)	(N=264)	(N=300)	(N=252)	(N=312)
Reported dating prior to first sex	49.7	59.2*	42.2	27.5*	58.0
Reported both at same time	38.2	33.0*	42.3	49.1*	34.1
Reported first sex prior to dating	12.1	7.8*	15.5	23.4*	7.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Difference in percentages by gender or race is significant at $p < .05$. Notes: Youth who had had sex prior to baseline are excluded. Percentages are weighted, and missing data are excluded.