

TABLE 1. Descriptive statistics of pregnant and never-pregnant women aged 15–17, Kingston, Jamaica

Characteristic	All (N=750)	Pregnant (N=250)	Never-pregnant (N=500)
Social and demographic			
Mean age (yrs.)	16	16	16
≥secondary education	96	96	96
Worked in last 4 wks.	7	5	9
Lived in community <3 yrs.	20	24	17*
Involved in area clubs/community groups	20	14	23**
Actively practices a religion	33	34	32
Currently lives with father†	24	20	26*
Currently lives with mother†	66	61	69*
Father gives both emotional/financial support	44	40	47
Mother gives both emotional/financial support	81	76	83*
Drank alcohol in last 4 wks.	23	4	32**
Someone at home uses alcohol	66	64	67
Someone at home uses ganja‡	44	47	42
Ever experienced familial violence at home	17	14	18
Does not feel safe at home	12	10	13
Depression score ≥median (range, 20–80)§	50	57	47*
Self-esteem score ≥median (range, 10–40)††	50	61	45**
Relationship with parents/guardian is good/very good	64	65	63
Believes contraception is woman's responsibility	16	21	13**
Thinks it very important to protect self against pregnancy	96	91	98**
Worried more about HIV/STIs than pregnancy	95	95	95
Currently in stable relationship‡‡	82	87	80*
Sexual			
Mean age at first sex (range, 11–17)	15	14	15
Early sexual debut (≤14 yrs.)	45	54	41**
First sexual partner >5 yrs. older	24	33	20**
Used contraceptive at first sex	86	80	88**
Mean lifetime no. of sexual partners (range, 1–50)	2	2	2
≥2 lifetime sexual partners	54	63	50**
Experience of sexual coercion/violence			
Participation at first sex			
Willing	66	66	66
Persuaded/coerced	27	26	27
Forced	6	6	7
Participation at last sex			
Willing	90	91	89
Persuaded/coerced	8	7	8
Forced	2	2	3
Ever physically forced to have sex	23	19	25
Ever had sex when did not want to/afraid not to have sex	19	19	19
Ever forced to do something sexually degrading	6	6	6
Ever received money/gifts for sex	7	6	7
Ever touched in an uncomfortable way	59	51	63**
Ever experienced intimate partner physical violence	33	33	33
Ever experienced intimate partner emotional abuse	40	39	41
Coercion/violence			
Ever experienced sexual violence	27	22	29*
Ever experienced sexual coercion	40	38	40
Ever experienced sexual coercion or violence	49	46	51

*p≤.05. **p≤.01. †Not mutually exclusive. ‡Marijuana. §Median 42; a higher score indicates being more depressed. ††Median 21; a higher score indicates having lower self-esteem. ‡‡May or may not be living with partner. Note: All figures are percentages, unless noted.