

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of unmarried 15–19-year-olds, by dependent and independent variables, according to gender and country, National Survey of Adolescents, 2004

Variable	Burkina Faso		Ghana		Malawi		Uganda	
	Female (N=1,279)	Male (N=1,669)	Female (N=1,176)	Male (N=1,250)	Female (N=890)	Male (N=1,135)	Female (N=1,075)	Male (N=1,288)
DEPENDENT								
Had sex in last 12 mos.								
Yes	22.8	24.8	17.4	10.0	18.0	37.1	23.7	30.4
No	77.2	75.2	82.6	90.0	82.0	62.9	76.3	69.6
Used contraceptive at last sex†								
Yes	55.1	51.1	55.6	52.8	36.9	40.8	49.9	56.1
No	44.9	48.9	44.4	47.2	63.1	59.2	50.1	43.9
INDEPENDENT								
Living arrangement								
With both parents/parent figures	54.9	59.7	40.7	41.8	42.3	45.2	39.9	40.9
With mother only	9.2	9.8	24.3	23.2	21.1	20.1	18.9	19.3
With father only	5.7	8.7	4.4	8.9	5.1	4.8	9.7	10.3
With none	30.1	21.9	30.7	26.2	31.5	29.9	31.5	29.4
Parents/parent figures know where adolescent goes at night								
No	7.4	17.8	6.3	10.7	18.9	30.4	12.3	24.3
Sometimes	17.7	30.1	19.6	31.5	21.5	25.2	16.7	30.5
Always	74.9	52.2	74.1	57.8	59.6	44.4	71.0	45.2
Parents/parent figures know what adolescent does with free time								
No	9.6	15.4	6.9	10.8	18.1	19.1	12.7	18.8
Sometimes	37.5	50.6	23.0	38.2	22.7	34.7	23.5	38.4
Always	52.9	34.0	70.0	51.0	59.2	46.2	63.9	42.8
Parents/parent figures know who adolescent's friends are								
No	9.2	7.8	8.4	9.2	13.5	12.1	17.6	17.9
Sometimes	22.7	28.9	22.4	36.9	16.2	42.0	22.5	42.3
Always	68.1	63.4	69.2	53.9	70.3	45.9	60.0	39.9
Parent/parent figure monitoring								
Low	8.9	16.4	6.7	11.4	16.8	25.5	15.0	24.1
Medium	48.6	59.1	40.6	57.2	43.2	53.4	38.8	53.7
High	42.5	24.5	52.7	31.4	40.0	21.1	46.3	22.2
Parents/parent figures ever talked to adolescent about sex-related matters								
Yes	13.5	7.7	37.9	22.3	30.5	25.6	38.1	19.6
No	86.5	92.3	62.1	77.7	69.5	74.4	61.9	80.4
Parents/parent figures ever gave information about contraceptive methods								
Yes	5.1	1.3	8.0	5.8	10.1	5.1	23.6	7.8
No	94.9	98.7	92.0	94.2	89.9	94.9	76.4	92.2
Age								
15	31.5	26.1	26.4	26.5	24.9	25.3	29.0	25.7
16	26.8	20.1	24.3	19.4	24.9	20.7	24.7	22.5
17	19.7	20.2	20.0	22.2	22.5	18.7	18.3	19.4
18	13.1	18.9	17.7	20.2	17.1	18.9	17.6	19.1
19	8.9	14.7	11.6	11.8	10.6	16.5	10.4	13.4
Currently in school								
Yes	20.7	21.8	60.9	66.8	63.2	68.8	61.3	66.4
No	79.3	78.2	39.1	33.2	36.8	31.2	38.7	33.6
Frequency of religious attendance								
<once a week	44.0	36.4	8.5	15.4	3.6	4.2	8.3	12.6
Once a week	25.4	25.6	47.2	47.6	68.0	67.5	75.5	65.7
>once a week	30.7	38.1	44.3	36.9	28.4	28.4	16.2	21.7
Residence								
Urban	35.9	24.4	51.9	46.4	25.2	24.3	15.5	11.3
Rural	64.1	75.6	48.1	53.6	74.8	75.7	84.5	88.7
Household wealth index								
Poorest	14.9	14.4	14.9	16.6	20.6	15.8	17.2	18.1
Second	17.1	19.7	17.1	20.3	14.7	21.6	18.6	21.1
Third	15.9	20.0	20.0	20.6	17.4	20.9	17.1	21.0
Fourth	15.5	21.3	21.6	21.9	23.7	19.0	20.8	19.5
Wealthiest	36.6	24.7	26.4	20.6	23.7	22.8	26.3	20.3

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †Among those who had had sex in the last 12 months. Notes: Chi-square tests assessed differences between male and female distributions, and adjusted for the surveys' complex sample designs. Ns are unweighted.