**TABLE 1. Selected characteristics of females aged 15–19, by sexual activity and childbearing, Nicaragua, 2001**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Characteristic</th>
<th>All (N=3,142)</th>
<th>Sexually active (N=1,119)</th>
<th>Have given birth (N=667)</th>
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<td><strong>Age (mean)</strong></td>
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†Includes hormonal and barrier methods, as well as sterilization and the IUD.

Note: na=not applicable.