

**TABLE 1. Total fertility rates (and 95% confidence intervals) among women aged 15–49, by regional and educational subgroup, according to survey year**

Subgroup	1994	1999	2004
<b>All</b>	<b>3.61 (3.46–3.77)</b>	<b>3.38 (3.24–3.52)</b>	<b>3.27 (3.15–3.39)</b>
<b>Region</b>			
Sierra	3.91 (3.69–4.13)	3.59 (3.39–3.79)	3.14 (2.97–3.31)
Quito	3.01 (2.68–3.34)	2.76 (2.46–3.07)	2.73 (2.36–3.10)
Other urban areas	2.95 (2.71–3.20)	2.90 (2.66–3.13)	2.58 (2.33–2.82)
Rural areas	4.83 (4.51–5.16)	4.42 (4.11–4.74)	3.68 (3.43–3.94)
Costa	3.33 (3.12–3.54)	3.01 (2.83–3.20)	3.32 (3.14–3.50)
Guayaquil	2.67 (2.35–3.00)	2.48 (2.17–2.80)	2.97 (2.65–3.28)
Other urban areas	3.19 (2.91–3.47)	2.92 (2.69–3.14)	3.13 (2.87–3.40)
Rural areas	4.20 (3.77–4.63)	3.94 (3.55–4.34)	4.04 (3.71–4.38)
Amazonia	u	5.49 (4.79–6.19)	4.19 (3.50–4.88)
Insular	u	2.27 (1.74–2.79)	2.74 (1.95–3.52)
<b>Yrs. of education</b>			
0–5	5.66 (5.30–6.01)	5.29 (4.96–5.63)	4.93 (4.58–5.27)
6	3.96 (3.73–4.18)	3.84 (3.64–4.04)	3.97 (3.76–4.19)
7–11	3.07 (2.87–3.26)	3.26 (3.04–3.49)	3.03 (2.83–3.23)
≥12	2.40 (2.26–2.55)	2.29 (2.15–2.44)	2.37 (2.22–2.52)

Notes: The 1994 estimate is based on women's birth reports for the period June 1989–May 1994, the 1999 estimate is based on reports for March 1994–February 1999 and the 2004 estimate is based on reports for July 1999–June 2004. All estimates are weighted. u=unavailable, because these regions were not sampled in 1994.