

TABLE 2. Percentage of women aged 20–24 who reported selected characteristics and experiences pertaining to marriage planning and marital relationship, by timing of marriage

Measure	Married early	Married late
MARRIAGE PLANNING		
Parents sought woman's opinion about when to marry	10.4	27.3***
Parents sought woman's approval of chosen spouse	36.4	62.5***
Woman had chance to meet/talk to spouse before marriage	7.7	20.2***
Had love marriage	3.1	6.3***
Involved in marriage planning†	4.5	13.9***
MARITAL RELATIONSHIP		
Spousal communication on general matters		
Usually discusses how to spend money	89.9	88.8
Usually discusses in-law issues	77.1	81.4***
Usually discusses both topics	73.6	78.0**
Spousal communication on reproductive matters		
Ever discussed when/whether to have children	84.2	87.1*
Ever discussed number of children to have	86.2	88.7*
Ever discussed contraceptive use	56.6	59.3
Ever discussed all three topics	52.8	56.6*
Spousal interactions in past six months		
Went to see movie	17.3	31.2***
Visited other place of entertainment	27.9	42.3***
Visited woman's natal home	67.5	76.8***
Visited all three	10.2	21.2***
Spousal violence		
Ever experienced physical violence	31.6	16.9***
Ever experienced sexual violence	36.5	22.1***

*p≤.05. **p≤.01. ***p≤.001. †Had love marriage or answered yes to all three other items.