

TABLE 1. Selected characteristics of men participating in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, by marital status, 1982–2002

Characteristic	All (N=51,948)	Married (N=23,686)	Never-married (N=28,262)
Pregnancy			
Intention (%)			
No pregnancy	83.3	71.4	93.4
Wanted	9.6	18.4	2.3
Unwanted	4.4	5.9	3.1
Undetermined	2.7	4.3	1.3
Personal			
Age (mean)	28.1 (6.6)	31.2 (6.1)	25.5 (5.9)
Race/ethnicity (%)			
White	55.0	62.7	48.5
Black	25.7	16.9	33.1
Hispanic	17.2	18.7	15.9
Other	2.1	1.7	2.5
Education (%)			
<high school	19.7	16.0	22.9
High school	43.5	44.9	42.4
>high school	36.7	39.1	34.8
Employed (%)	79.9	91.2	70.5
Catholic (%)	31.6	33.1	30.3
Two-parent family at age 14 (%)	69.3	74.0	65.3
No. of siblings (mean)	3.7 (2.4)	3.7 (2.4)	3.8 (2.5)
Foreign language spoken in childhood home (%)	22.0	23.3	20.9
Born in 1962 or later (%)	48.1	57.0	41.0
Local/state			
Unemployment rate (mean)	3.6 (1.9)	3.6 (2.2)	3.5 (1.6)
Child support enforce- ment index (mean)	-0.2 (0.8)	0.0 (0.8)	-0.4 (0.7)
Maximum AFDC benefits (mean \$)	625 (263)	585 (246)	658 (271)

Notes: All characteristics differ significantly by marital status at $p < .001$. AFDC=Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Numbers in parentheses are standard deviations.