

TABLE 1. Selected characteristics of all ever-married women, by dimensions of deprivation, Indian National Family Health Survey 3, 2005–2006

Characteristic	Dimensions of deprivation				
	All (N=87,129)	None (N=37,400)	One (N=27,555)	Two (N=15,997)	Three (N=6,176)
Mean age (yrs.)*	32.4	33.1	31.6	32.3	32.2
% currently working*	37.8	27.0	40.2	47.7	49.6
Mean yrs. of schooling*	4.2	7.0	3.2	0.9	0.2
Mean no. of children ever born*	2.9	2.5	3.0	3.5	3.8
Mean no. of children surviving	2.6	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.2
% who had ≥ 1 birth in last five years*	37.7	33.1	39.6	41.5	47.2
% living in rural area*	69.4	57.9	76.3	78.8	84.0
% allowed to go to a health facility alone*	51.3	57.9	50.1	49.2	47.5
% with a post office/bank account	16.3	25.8	11.9	6.3	3.7

*Significantly different across deprivation groups, according to t tests (continuous variables) or chi-square tests (categorical variables).