

**TABLE 3. Percentage of sexually experienced males and females aged 15–19 who had ever received instruction on specific sex education topics prior to first intercourse, by selected characteristics, 1995 and 2002**

Characteristic	Birth control				Abstinence			
	Males		Females		Males		Females	
	1995	2002	1995	2002	1995	2002	1995	2002
<b>Total</b>	<b>61.2*</b>	<b>54.3*</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>61.8†</b>	<b>52.0*</b>	<b>70.3†</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>75.1</b>
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>								
Non-Hispanic white (ref)	69.4	65.6	75.3	67.8	55.7	75.1†	74.8	79.8
Hispanic	52.8‡	44.9‡	65.8	50.8‡	51.5	59.3‡	64.0	69.9
Non-Hispanic black	41.9*‡	32.8‡	68.2	45.1†‡	43.2‡	68.5†	70.7	63.9‡
<b>Age</b>								
15–17 (ref)	57.7	49.1	70.6	57.0†	50.8	70.2†	71.1	76.3
18–19	64.4	57.6	73.8	64.8†	53.1	70.4†	73.5	74.3
<b>Residence</b>								
Central city (ref)	u	55.9	75.8	56.5†	u	71.2	75.1	68.9
Other metropolitan	u	54.9	68.3	64.7	u	72.3	69.3	79.0†‡
Nonmetropolitan	u	49.6	72.6	63.5	u	63.4	72.7	76.3
<b>Household poverty levels§</b>								
<200% (ref)	55.6	43.5	65.2	56.2	46.1	66.2†	67.9	73.6
≥200%	65.5‡	61.7‡	77.8‡	66.9†‡	56.9*‡	73.0†	75.9‡	76.5

\*Significantly different from total percentage of females at p<.05. †Significantly different from percentage for 1995 at p<.05. ‡Significantly different from percentage for reference group at p<.05. §Percentage of federal poverty line. Note: u=unavailable.