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

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<th>Characteristic</th>
<th>Birth control</th>
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<td>Males</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>61.2* 54.3*</td>
<td>72.4 61.8†</td>
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<td>Race/ethnicity</td>
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<td>Non-Hispanic white (ref)</td>
<td>69.4 65.6</td>
<td>75.3 67.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>52.8† 44.9‡</td>
<td>65.8 50.8‡</td>
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<td>Non-Hispanic black</td>
<td>41.9*‡ 32.8‡</td>
<td>68.2 45.1†</td>
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<td>Age</td>
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<td>15–17 (ref)</td>
<td>57.7 49.1</td>
<td>70.6 57.0†</td>
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<td>18–19</td>
<td>64.4 57.6</td>
<td>73.8 64.8†</td>
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<td>Residence</td>
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<td>Central city (ref)</td>
<td>u 55.9</td>
<td>75.8 56.5†</td>
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<td>Other metropolitan</td>
<td>u 54.9</td>
<td>68.3 64.7</td>
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<td>Nonmetropolitan</td>
<td>u 49.6</td>
<td>72.6 63.5</td>
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<td>Household poverty levels§</td>
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<td>&lt;200% (ref)</td>
<td>55.6 43.3</td>
<td>65.2 56.2</td>
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<td>≥200%</td>
<td>65.5† 61.7†</td>
<td>77.8 66.9†</td>
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*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.