

TABLE 1. Selected characteristics of Ethiopian women aged 20–24, by age at first marriage, 2009–2010

Characteristic	Married before age 15 (N=275)	Married at ages 15–17 (N=500)	Married at ages 18–19 (N=432)	Did not marry before age 20 (N=464)	All (N=1,671)
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS					
Residence***					
Urban	17.8	28.4	40.7	65.1	40.3
Rural	82.2	71.6	59.3	34.9	59.7
Region***					
Tigray	10.2	15.6	14.6	9.1	12.6
Afar	16.0	27.8	17.1	8.8	17.7
Amhara	37.1	8.8	6.5	7.5	12.4
Oromiya	8.4	15.0	23.1	14.7	16.0
Beneshangul-Gumz	20.0	17.8	16.0	5.8	14.3
SNNPR	6.9	10.8	13.0	20.0	13.3
Addis Ababa	1.5	4.2	9.7	34.1	13.6
Religion***					
Orthodox Christian	61.3	39.0	50.0	62.0	52.1
Muslim	28.8	48.4	33.3	17.3	32.5
Protestant	8.8	9.6	14.4	19.0	13.3
Other	1.1	3.0	2.3	1.7	2.1
Educational attainment***					
None	78.5	65.9	41.3	17.3	47.9
1–8 yrs.	18.9	28.9	40.3	33.7	31.7
9–12 yrs.	2.5	5.2	17.9	44.5	19.1
Attended university	0.0	0.0	0.5	4.5	1.4
Mother's education***					
None	97.0	93.1	90.0	75.9	88.1
Any	3.0	6.9	10.0	24.1	11.9
Father's education***					
None	90.7	88.3	78.9	64.4	79.7
Any	9.3	11.7	21.1	35.6	20.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MEANS					
No. of children in natal family	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.4
No. of daughters in natal family*	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.6

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. Notes: Significance testing assessed differences in percentage distributions or means among women married at different ages. Percentages may not total 100.0 because of rounding. SNNPR=Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region.