

**TABLE 3. Selected measures related to marital discussions, decision making, first sex with spouse and intimate partner violence among married Ethiopian women aged 20–24, by age at first marriage**

Measure	Married before age 15 (N=273)	Married at ages 15–17 (N=498)	Married at ages 18–19 (N=432)
<b>Marital discussions/decision making</b>			
Discussed no. of children to have	41.4	41.0	47.3
Discussed HIV/AIDS***	37.2	41.2	56.0
Discussed being faithful in marriage***	44.3	43.1	55.9
Discussed MCH services***	34.4	37.2	49.0
Discussed all four topics above**	14.5	17.8	23.8
Participates in major household decisions	69.7	62.9	63.9
<b>First sex with spouse</b>			
Was woman's sexual initiation	96.6	96.8	94.9
Occurred before wedding***	1.5	3.8	13.7
Respondent had started menstruating***	38.6	79.3	93.7
Was wanted***	49.1	74.3	85.3
<b>Intimate partner violence</b>			
First sex with husband was forced***	32.1	16.1	8.2
Husband has ever been physically violent with respondent	11.6	8.7	8.8
Husband hit or beat spouse in past three months**	7.1	2.3	3.1

\*p<.05. \*\*p<.01. \*\*\*p<.001. Notes: Significance testing assessed differences among groups of women married at different ages. All values are percentages. MCH=maternal and child health.