

TABLE 1. Bivariate associations between women's pregnancy and abortion history prior to age 21 and social and economic measures at ages 21–25, Christchurch Health and Development Study, New Zealand

Measure	Abortion (N=48)	Pregnancy but no abortion (N=77)	No pregnancy (N=367)	χ^2
Education, ages 21–25				
% who attended university	29.2	11.7†,‡	39.6	18.61***
% who gained university degree	18.8	3.9†,‡	31.3	19.54***
% who enrolled in tertiary study	50.0	39.0†	57.8	21.33***
% who gained tertiary qualification	41.7	22.1†,‡	52.0	9.20*
Economic				
Mean personal income, age 25 (000s of NZ\$; range, 0–120)	24.2† (13.7)	17.7†,‡ (15.2)	31.7 (19.2)	20.63***
Mean family income, age 25 (000s of NZ\$; range, 2.1–150)	43.6 (29.3)	35.9† (24.1)	53.1 (34.0)	8.31**
% ever welfare-dependent, ages 21–25	54.2†	68.8†,‡	25.1	55.88***
% employed full-time, age 25	41.7†	30.0†	73.6	56.95***
Partnerships				
Mean exposure to partner violence, age 24–25 (range, 0–21)	2.0 (2.7)	3.2†,‡ (3.6)	1.8 (2.5)	11.38***
Mean dissatisfaction with partnership, age 25 (range, 10–29)	13.6 (3.2)	14.4† (4.8)	12.5 (3.2)	7.80**

* $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$. *** $p < .001$. †Significantly different from the figure for no pregnancy at $p < .05$. ‡Significantly different from the figure for abortion at $p < .05$. §Based on participants who reported an intimate partner relationship at ages 24–25 (42 women who had had an abortion, 69 who had had a pregnancy but no abortion, and 307 who had had no pregnancy). Note: Figures in parentheses are standard deviations.