

TABLE 2. Bivariate associations between pregnancy and abortion history prior to age 21 and measures of family background and childhood behavior and educational achievement

Measure	Abortion	Pregnancy but no abortion	No pregnancy	χ^2
Family background				
% whose mother lacked formal educational qualifications	52.0	74.4†,‡	43.7	22.45***
% whose father lacked formal educational qualifications	54.3	61.6	45.5	6.85*
Mean family living standard, ages 1–10 (range, 1–5)§	2.9 (0.5)	3.2†,‡ (0.4)	2.8 (0.4)	8.97**
Mean socioeconomic status category at birth (range, 1–6)§	3.7 (1.6)	4.3†,‡ (1.3)	3.3 (1.4)	7.06**
Childhood behavior/educational achievement				
Mean conduct problems score, ages 7–9 (range, 41–83)	50.1† (7.0)	51.8† (8.4)	47.1 (5.0)	18.92***
Mean IQ score, ages 8–9	102.8 (15.2)	97.7†,‡ (16.1)	104.2 (15.6)	4.13*
Mean TOSCA†† score, age 13 (range, 0–69)	36.2 (13.9)	31.3†,‡ (15.8)	38.0 (14.2)	4.22*
Mean GPA, ages 11–13 (range, 1–5)§	2.4 (0.8)	2.6† (0.8)	2.2 (0.8)	8.02**
Mean no. of school problems reported, age 15 (range, 0–4)	0.4† (0.8)	0.4† (0.8)	0.1 (0.5)	8.45**
Mean no. of School Certificate‡‡ passing grades (range, 0–7)	2.6† (2.3)	1.8†,‡ (2.1)	4.0 (2.0)	36.07***
% who left school without qualifications	28.0†	44.9†,‡	6.1	67.67***

* $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$. *** $p < .001$. †Significantly different from the figure for no pregnancy at $p < .05$. ‡Significantly different from the figure for abortion at $p < .05$. §Lower means correspond to more positive outcomes. ††Test of Scholastic Abilities. ‡‡School Certificate is a national series of examinations usually taken in the third year of high school. Note: Figures in parentheses are standard deviations.