

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of youth aged 12–16 in two informal settlements, by selected characteristics, according to gender, Transition to Adulthood Study, Nairobi, Kenya, 2007–2009

Characteristic	Males (N=638)	Females (N=591)	Characteristic	Males (N=638)	Females (N=591)
Residence			Religiosity		
Korogocho (ref)	44.5	47.6	Important/very important (ref)	78.2	85.2
Viwandani	55.5	52.5	Somewhat/not important	13.9	11.9
			No religion	7.9	2.9
Muslim			Personal aspirations		
No (ref)	83.5	86.8	Very important (ref)	94.0	94.9
Yes	16.5	13.2	Quite/not important	6.0	5.1
School attendance			Parental support		
Always in school (ref)	82.9	83.9	>half the time	79.8	88.7
Dropped out	8.6	7.8	<half the time	19.3	10.5
Restarted	4.2	4.1	No parent	0.9	0.9
Never in school	4.2	4.2	Sibling risk behavior		
Is there anyone like a father in your life?			No smoking or sex (ref)	65.8	68.0
Yes (ref)	77.9	79.7	Smoking/sex	10.8	8.5
No	22.1	20.3	Don't know	19.8	21.7
Is there anyone like a mother in your life?			No sibling	3.6	1.9
Yes (ref)	97.5	98.3	Family dysfunction		
No	2.5	1.7	Low (ref)	59.1	60.5
Delinquent behavior			Middle	30.7	29.7
None (ref)	49.2	64.1	High	10.2	9.7
≥once	50.8	35.9	Self-esteem		
Family supervision			High (ref)	51.4	53.3
Always (ref)	27.5	38.8	Medium/low	48.6	46.7
Sometimes	57.6	56.0	Social participation		
Never	13.5	4.9	No groups (ref)	17.2	20.8
No guardian	1.4	0.3	≥1 groups	82.8	79.2
Total	100.0	100.0	Total	100.0	100.0

Notes: ref=reference group. na=not applicable. Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding. Religiosity measures respondents' perception of the importance of God, prayer, and religious teachings and beliefs. Personal aspirations measures respondents' perception of the importance of their finishing secondary school, going to university and having a good job. Self-esteem measures respondents' feelings of how well they get along with peers and live up to others' expectations of them, how able they are to do well in school, how attractive they are and how satisfied they are with themselves overall.