

TABLE 2. Selected social and demographic characteristics of married women aged 15–49 in study intervention and comparison districts at baseline and follow-up, Bihar and Jharkhand, 2008 and 2010

Characteristic	Intervention		Comparison	
	Baseline (N=702)	Follow-up (N=721)	Baseline (N=709)	Follow-up (N=720)
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS				
Age				
<25	22.8	34.7***	19.9	35.8***
≥25	77.2	65.3***	80.1	64.2***
Education				
None	64.5	57.6	59.2	55.1
Primary	4.7	9.6	3.1	7.1***
Middle	19.1	21.9	25.0	25.7
Secondary	7.4	7.9	8.5	6.9
>secondary	4.3	3.1	4.2	5.1
Religion				
Hindu	56.4	58.0	66.2	70.0
Muslim	11.7	12.2	9.9	5.3***
Christian	4.4	3.7	7.9	7.2
Sarna	27.5	26.1	16.0	17.5
Caste				
General caste	10.4	10.1	13.5	18.3**
Scheduled caste	9.1	14.0***	7.6	10.4
Scheduled tribe	34.2	32.3	29.2	26.9
Other backward class	46.3	43.6	49.6	44.3
Family type				
Nuclear	47.2	48.1	40.9	43.3
Joint/extended	52.8	51.9	59.1	56.7
Wealth index				
Low	82.9	70.2**	83.4	74.7***
Medium	12.3	21.5***	11.6	19.6***
High	4.8	8.3***	5.1	5.7
Mass media exposure				
Yes	28.5	43.8***	24.3	40.4***
No	71.5	56.2***	75.7	59.6***
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
MEANS				
Age (in yrs.)	28.9 (6.0)	27.8 (6.5)***	29.4 (6.0)	28.1 (6.9)***
Schooling	2.9 (4.2)	3.0 (4.0)***	3.3 (4.4)	3.5 (4.3)***
Wealth score	3.8 (3.7)	5.3 (4.4)***	3.7 (3.8)	4.9 (3.7)***

*Difference from baseline significant at $p \leq 0.05$. **Difference from baseline significant at $p \leq 0.01$. ***Difference from baseline significant at $p \leq 0.001$. Notes: Figures in parentheses are standard deviations. Percentages may not total 100.0 because of rounding.