

TABLE 2. Percentage distribution of married women aged 15–49 in couples data set, by their individual and joint characteristics with partners, 2008 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey

Characteristic	% (N=6,552)	Characteristic	% (N=6,552)
Age		Residence	
15–24	25.2	Urban	31.3
25–34	40.4	Rural	68.7
≥35	34.4		
Age difference†		Marriage type	
<0	2.1	Monogamous	68.9
0–4	18.6	Polygynous	31.1
5–9	36.0		
≥10	43.3	Couple's no. of living children	
Religion		Same number	53.1
Islam	58.2	Woman's > man's	6.0
Catholic	7.4	Man's > woman's	41.0
Other Christian	32.4		
Other	2.1	Couple's fertility intentions	
Employment		Both want child soon	18.3
None	30.6	Both want to space/limit	23.1
Professional	4.5	Woman wants child soon; man wants to space/limit	13.8
Sales/service	48.8	Woman wants to space/limit; man wants child soon	14.8
Agriculture/other	16.1	Other‡	30.0
Education		Contraceptive method	
Both none	31.7	None	81.7
Both primary	9.5	Pill	2.1
Both ≥secondary	18.4	IUD	1.2
Man's > woman's	29.7	Injectable	3.6
Woman's > man's	10.7	Diaphragm	0.0
Household wealth		Condoms	3.3
Low	36.5	Female sterilization	0.5
Medium	29.7	Periodic abstinence	2.5
High	33.8	Withdrawal	2.7
Region		Norplant	0.1
South West	18.8	Lactational amenorrhea	1.5
North Central	12.2	Other	0.9
North East	16.6	Contraceptive method by category	
North West	34.3	None	81.7
South East	7.0	Couple method§	9.9
South South	11.2	Non–couple method	8.5
		Total	100.0

†Husband's age minus wife's age. ‡Either one partner wanted a child soon or wanted to space or limit births and the other was undecided or sterile, or both partners were sterile. §Condoms, periodic abstinence and withdrawal. *Notes:* All percentages are weighted. Percentages may not total 100.0 because of rounding.