

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of a nationally representative sample of low-income women aged 18–34, by selected characteristics, according to race, ethnicity and language spoken, 1995

Characteristic	Total (N=1,741)	White (N=437)	Black (N=437)	Spanish- speaking Latina (N=346)	English- speaking Latina (N=521)
Age***					
18–19	15	13	25	4	14
20–24	39	42	34	25	40
25–29	27	28	23	36	24
30–34	19	17	19	35	23
Marital status***					
Married	44	50	17	66	46
Cohabiting	15	14	13	17	18
Formerly married	9	9	9	9	10
Never-married	33	27	60	9	27
Education***					
<high school	20	14	17	73	33
High school diploma/GED	39	40	43	18	37
≥college	41	46	40	9	31
Parity***					
0	33	38	29	8	25
1–2	53	52	54	58	57
≥3	14	10	17	35	19
Medical insurance in the past 12 mos.***					
Private	40	47	36	9	22
Medicaid/other public	31	24	49	30	44
No coverage	29	29	15	61	34
Familial country of origin***,‡					
United States	16	na	na	1	25
Mexico	60	na	na	82	46
Dominican Republic/ Puerto Rico/Cuba	15	na	na	7	20
Other	10	na	na	10	9
Length of time in United States***,‡					
Born in United States	33	na	na	1	51
>15 years	13	na	na	11	15
6–15 years	35	na	na	54	24
≤5 years	19	na	na	35	10
Total	100	100	100	100	100

***Differences among groups significant at $p < .001$. ‡Asked only of Latinas. Notes: na=not applicable. Percentages are weighted; sample sizes are unweighted. Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding.