

TABLE 2. Percentage of women with unmet need for limiting and spacing, according to definitions 1, 3 and 6, by key characteristics

Characteristic	Limiting			Spacing		
	Def.1	Def.3	Def.6	Def.1	Def.3	Def.6
Sector						
Urban	1.8	4.7	17.5	0.4	1.6	2.7
Rural	1.2	3.3	16.1	0.2	0.8	1.9
Estate	3.4	5.5	7.1	0.6	2.0	2.6
Ethnicity						
Sinhalese	1.2	3.1	16.4	0.1	0.7	1.8
Sri Lankan Tamil	2.2	6.3	11.9	0.7	2.6	3.5
Indian Tamil	3.2	6.5	8.0	0.9	2.5	3.3
Moor/Malay	3.4	6.3	14.9	0.7	1.8	3.2
Other	6.6	8.0	21.9	0.0	2.3	2.3
Age						
15–19	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.0	2.8	5.1
20–24	1.0	1.3	2.2	0.0	2.4	4.7
25–29	1.0	1.8	4.8	0.0	1.8	4.2
30–34	1.8	3.2	11.3	0.2	1.1	2.2
35–39	2.1	5.3	21.8	0.1	0.5	1.4
40–44	1.8	4.8	27.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
45–49	1.8	4.3	23.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
No. of children born						
0	0.3	0.5	1.3	0.5	0.6	1.4
1	0.7	2.0	8.2	0.5	2.3	4.8
2	1.8	4.9	24.0	0.3	0.7	1.7
3	1.5	4.1	19.0	0.0	0.1	0.4
4	2.1	4.5	15.8	0.0	0.1	0.2
5	1.5	4.0	13.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	6.1	9.3	15.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
≥7	10.8	12.6	24.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Employed						
No	1.5	3.8	14.2	0.3	1.3	2.4
Yes	1.2	3.2	18.1	0.1	0.4	1.4
Woman's education						
No formal	2.0	2.1	7.8	0.5	0.8	1.3
Some primary	2.0	3.1	13.3	0.1	0.1	0.6
Some secondary	1.2	2.1	14.5	0.3	0.4	1.9
≥secondary	1.3	2.5	19.2	0.2	0.5	2.7
Husband's education						
No formal	1.9	3.8	11.1	0.3	0.5	1.0
Some primary	1.6	3.1	12.6	0.2	0.6	1.0
Some secondary	1.3	3.8	14.8	0.3	0.9	2.0
≥secondary	1.3	3.5	19.3	0.2	1.1	2.5

Note: See Table 1 for definitions.