

**TABLE 3. Percentage of women with unmet need for limiting and spacing, according to definitions 7, 9 and 12, by key characteristics**

Characteristic	Limiting			Spacing		
	Def.7	Def.9	Def.12	Def.7	Def.9	Def.12
<b>Sector</b>						
Urban	2.2	5.8	19.0	0.4	1.6	2.9
Rural	1.7	4.2	17.4	0.3	0.9	2.0
Estate	3.6	6.4	8.1	0.8	2.3	3.0
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
Sinhalese	1.6	4.0	17.7	0.2	0.9	2.0
Sri Lankan Tamil	2.5	7.3	13.1	0.7	2.6	3.5
Indian Tamil	3.6	7.3	8.8	1.0	2.9	3.6
Moor/Malay	4.3	7.8	17.1	0.7	2.0	3.4
Other	6.6	9.4	23.2	0.0	2.3	2.3
<b>Age</b>						
15–19	0.0	1.4	1.7	2.0	5.0	7.3
20–24	0.3	1.7	2.6	1.2	3.4	5.7
25–29	0.8	2.4	5.4	0.5	2.0	4.4
30–34	1.7	3.8	11.9	0.3	1.1	2.2
35–39	2.8	6.6	23.2	0.1	0.5	1.4
40–44	2.3	5.5	28.8	0.0	0.1	0.2
45–49	2.9	6.1	26.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>No. of children born</b>						
0	0.2	0.8	1.7	0.8	1.6	2.4
1	0.8	2.4	8.7	0.6	2.6	5.0
2	2.5	6.0	25.5	0.3	0.7	1.7
3	2.3	5.2	20.5	0.0	0.2	0.5
4	2.4	5.6	18.3	0.0	0.1	0.2
5	4.0	6.9	17.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	6.9	12.0	17.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
≥7	13.7	15.5	27.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Employed</b>						
No	2.1	5.0	15.7	0.4	1.5	2.7
Yes	1.7	3.8	19.2	0.1	0.5	1.4
<b>Woman's education</b>						
No formal	2.3	5.3	8.6	0.5	1.0	1.3
Some primary	2.9	5.1	15.0	0.1	0.2	0.6
Some secondary	1.7	4.5	15.7	0.4	1.2	2.2
≥secondary	1.7	4.3	20.6	0.3	1.2	2.8
<b>Husband's education</b>						
No formal	2.3	5.2	12.9	0.6	0.9	1.4
Some primary	2.1	4.3	14.1	0.2	0.6	1.1
Some secondary	2.0	4.7	16.1	0.4	1.1	2.3
≥secondary	1.7	4.2	20.5	0.3	1.3	2.6

Note: See Table 1 for definitions.