

**TABLE 3. Proportions (and confidence intervals) of women having sexual debut before ages 15, 16 and 19, according to their reports at ages 15–19 in the first DHS and at ages 20–24 in the second DHS, and the percentage difference and percentage-point difference between surveys, nine countries, 2001–2011**

Country and age at first sex	Ages 15–19	Ages 20–24	Percentage difference	Percentage-point difference
<b>Benin</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2006</b>		
<15	16.0 (13.9–18.0)	11.5 (10.4–12.6)	-28.1	-4.5
<16	31.9 (30.7–33.0)	25.4 (23.9–26.9)	-20.4	-6.5
<19	79.5 (74.0–85.0)	70.8 (69.2–72.4)	-10.9	-8.7
<b>Ghana</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2008</b>		
<15	7.3 (5.8–8.8)	7.2 (5.4–8.9)	-1.4	-0.1
<16	18.9 (16.3–21.4)	16.4 (14.0–18.9)	-13.2	-2.5
<19	64.4 (57.4–71.3)	59.9 (56.7–63.2)	-7.0	-4.5
<b>Madagascar</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2008–2009</b>		
<15	16.0 (14.2–17.9)	18.1 (16.7–19.6)	13.1	2.1
<16	33.9 (31.3–36.5)	33.4 (31.6–35.1)	-1.5	-0.5
<19	69.4 (64.0–74.7)	75.8 (74.2–77.4)	9.2	6.4
<b>Mali</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2006</b>		
<15	26.0 (24.3–27.7)	26.1 (24.2–27.7)	0.4	0.1
<16	47.4 (45.3–49.6)	48.2 (46.3–50.1)	1.7	0.8
<19	83.6 (79.8–87.5)	80.7 (79.2–82.2)	-3.5	-2.9
<b>Senegal</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2010–2011</b>		
<15	9.1 (8.1–10.0)	11.9 (10.8–13.0)	30.8	2.8
<16	16.9 (15.5–18.3)	20.5 (19.1–21.9)	21.3	3.6
<19	43.5 (39.3–47.6)	45.2 (43.4–46.9)	3.9	1.7
<b>Uganda</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2011</b>		
<15	11.8 (10.4–13.3)	16.1 (14.3–17.9)	36.4	4.3
<16	24.5 (22.3–26.7)	29.0 (26.8–31.2)	18.4	4.5
<19	70.7 (65.8–75.6)	71.0 (68.8–73.2)	0.4	0.3
<b>Bolivia</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2008</b>		
<15	6.2 (5.4–6.9)	6.6 (5.7–7.6)	6.5	0.4
<16	14.6 (13.4–15.9)	16.2 (14.8–17.5)	11.0	1.6
<19	49.7 (45.8–53.6)	53.0 (51.2–55.0)	6.6	3.3
<b>Colombia</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2010</b>		
<15	13.7 (12.9–14.5)	13.8 (13.0–14.6)	0.7	0.1
<16	27.2 (26.0–28.4)	29.2 (28.3–30.2)	7.4	2.0
<19	66.4 (63.8–68.9)	74.4 (73.4–75.4)	12.0	8.0
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>		
<15	12.8 (11.8–13.8)	16.3 (15.2–17.3)	27.3	3.5
<16	24.2 (22.8–25.6)	28.1 (26.8–29.5)	16.1	3.9
<19	55.0 (51.9–58.2)	63.0 (61.6–64.4)	14.5	8.0

Note: Estimates are based on the proportion of the sample exposed to the relevant time period.