

TABLE 2. Selected characteristics of the sample, by sex

Characteristic	% or mean	
	Males (N=230)	Females (N=364)
% DISTRIBUTIONS		
Race		
Black	86.5	86.8
Other	13.5	13.2
Education level		
<high school*	51.5	39.0
High school degree/equivalent	34.5	34.1
>high school degree/equivalent*	14.0	26.9
Highest grade completed by parent/guardian		
≤high school	58.9	58.9
Some college/technical school	12.8	16.8
≥college degree	28.3	24.3
Sexual orientation		
Heterosexual	92.0	88.7
Gay	4.0	4.6
Bisexual	4.0	6.7
Lifetime no. sex partners		
1–2	30.0	30.0
3–5	21.6	28.7
6–10	18.4	23.5
>10*	30.0	18.8
Had STD test in past year		
No	63.4	30.3
Yes*	36.6	69.7
Had STD ≥1 year ago		
No	87.8	71.7
Yes*	12.2	28.3
Total	100.0	100.0
MEANS		
Age, years (range, 15–24)*	18.8 (2.7)	19.6 (2.6)
Perceived stigma (range, 9–36)*	24.5 (7.0)	22.4 (7.1)
Shame (range, 5–20)	17.1 (3.7)	17.5 (3.5)

*p<.05 for sex difference. Notes: For some characteristics, N is reduced because of missing data. Numbers in parentheses are standard deviations.