

TABLE 2. Percentage of young adults reporting that their most recent sexual partner was a casual partner, by selected characteristics, according to gender

Characteristic	Males	Females
Race/ethnicity		
White	28.5	15.7
Black	42.9	13.6
Hispanic	36.4	18.5
Asian-American	15.6	5.0
Native American	25.0	36.4
Other	58.3	6.3
χ^2	15.7**	15.2**
Socioeconomic status		
Low	18.2	11.1
Lower middle	30.2	16.1
Middle	27.6	14.7
Upper middle	30.7	12.2
Upper	34.0	15.7
χ^2	4.7	2.0
Student status in last year		
Not in school	29.0	13.7
Full-time at four-year college	29.7	11.1
Other postsecondary†	27.0	17.4
χ^2	0.3	3.9
Sexual orientation		
Attracted to opposite gender	28.7	13.8
Other‡	45.0	14.8
χ^2	2.5	0.1

** $p < .01$. †Part-time at a four-year college, or enrolled at a community or technical college. ‡Attracted to same gender or to both genders, or questioning. *Note:* A casual partner was either a casual acquaintance or a close but nonexclusive partner.