

Table 5. Percentage of married Kuwaiti women who have ever used or are currently using a contraceptive, by selected characteristics

Characteristic	N	Ever used	Currently using
Total	615	66.5	49.8
No. of living children†			
0–2	227	40.7***	32.2***
3–5	212	83.7	64.2
≥6	176	77.8	55.1
Ethnicity			
Bedouin	347	60.8***	42.4***
Non-Bedouin	268	73.9	59.3
Wife's education			
None	142	64.8	40.1
1–11 yrs.	222	69.4	54.5
≥12 yrs.	251	64.9	51.0
Husband's education			
None	73	63.0	31.5*
1–11 yrs.	264	65.2	48.9
≥12 yrs.	277	68.6	55.2
Wife's employment			
Not working	455	64.4	46.6*
Working	160	72.5	58.8
Desire more children			
Yes	361	57.9***	46.3***
No	250	79.2	54.8
Ideal no. of children			
1–4	260	61.2*	48.1**
5–6	236	73.7	57.6
≥7	87	59.8	34.5
Ideal vs. actual no. of children†			
Ideal>actual	367	55.2***	42.5***
Ideal=actual	79	83.3	63.3
Ideal<actual	135	82.4	61.5

*Difference within category is statistically significant at $p < .05$ (χ^2 test). **Difference within category is significant at $p < .01$ (χ^2 test). ***Difference within category is significant at $p < .001$ (χ^2 test). †In the case of ever-use, number of children ever born.