

Table 2. Percentage of 20–24-year-olds who became sexually active before each specific single year of age, and median age at first intercourse, by country, according to gender

Region and country	Women							Men						
	15	16	17	18	19	20	Median age	15	16	17	18	19	20	Median age
Sub-Saharan Africa														
Ghana	15	34	52	66	81	88	16.9	10	23	33	43	59	70	18.4
Mali	25	55	72	82	91	94	15.8	7	17	26	38	54	64	18.7
Tanzania	15	30	45	58	72	81	17.4	10	29	42	52	70	77	17.8
Zimbabwe	7	15	26	38	53	66	18.8	8	15	28	38	56	72	18.7
Asia														
Philippines	1	2	6	11	19	28	na	1	3	7	13	21	32	na
Thailand	0	2	7	14	27	39	na	2	15	19	31	51	57	19.0
Latin America & Caribbean														
Brazil	10	20	29	43	55	62	18.6	34	47	63	77	84	90	16.2
Costa Rica	8	16	24	35	46	57	19.4	23	35	46	57	65	70	17.4
Dominican Republic	12	22	32	42	53	60	18.7	26	38	49	61	75	82	17.1
Haiti	9	20	30	41	53	63	18.7	14	31	44	53	68	74	17.8
Jamaica	16	30	53	68	80	87	16.9	46	63	76	85	88	92	15.4
Peru	6	14	23	34	45	53	19.6	19	31	44	60	74	80	17.4
Developed countries														
Great Britain	4	16	42	64	79	87	17.4	13	26	47	64	77	84	17.2
United States	15	29	47	63	73	81	17.2	34	48	64	75	83	88	16.1

Note: na=not applicable, because fewer than 50% of respondents had become sexually active by age 20. This means that these median ages will be greater than 20.