

Table 2. Among all sexually experienced adolescents and among unmarried adolescents who wished they had delayed their first sexual experience, percentage giving selected reasons for first intercourse, by gender, according to residence

Gender and reason	Urban	Rural
ALL SEXUALLY ACTIVE ADOLESCENTS		
Males	(N=196)	(N=143)
Curiosity	50.0	40.6
Peer pressure	43.4	49.0
Love	23.5	32.2*
Physical attraction	12.8	9.8
Marital duty	0.0	0.0
Promise of marriage	0.0	0.0
Money	0.0	0.0
Fear	0.0	0.0
Other	1.0	3.5
Females	(N=231)	(N=393)
Curiosity	6.1	2.0**
Peer pressure	3.0	0.3
Love	65.4	14.0***
Physical attraction	8.2	1.0***
Marital duty	1.3	45.8***
Promise of marriage	19.0	39.4***
Money	12.6	2.5***
Fear	4.8	3.6
Other	0.0	0.8
UNMARRIED SEXUALLY ACTIVE ADOLESCENTS WHO WISHED SEX HAD BEEN DELAYED		
Males	(N=91)	(N=21)
Curiosity	45.1	57.1
Peer pressure	44.0	47.6
Love	23.1	9.5
Physical attraction	11.0	9.5
Other	1.1	0.0
Females	(N=39)	(N=32)
Curiosity	10.3	6.3
Peer pressure	5.1	0.0
Love	48.7	6.3**
Physical attraction	5.1	6.3
Future husband	0.0	9.4
Promise of marriage	10.3	53.1***
Financial reasons	25.6	12.5
Fear	20.5	15.6
Other	0.0	0.0

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001.