

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of adolescent females with a romantic partner, by selected characteristics, National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, 1995

Characteristic	% (N=1,975)
Age at start of relationship	
≤13	25.8
14	18.8
15	20.8
16	19.9
≥17	14.7
Partner age	
Younger/same age*	28.2
1 yr. older	23.7
2–3 yrs. older	32.6
4–5 yrs. older	10.2
≥6 yrs. older	5.3
Race/ethnicity	
White	68.5
Black	15.0
Hispanic	10.6
Other	6.0
Religion	
Baptist	23.7
Catholic	24.0
Other	40.8
None	11.5
Mother figure at home	
Yes	93.8
No	6.2
Mother's education	
<college graduate	76.8
College graduate	23.2
Total	100.0

*Includes partners older by less than one year. Note: Percentages are weighted; N is unweighted.