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

Age at start of relationship	
≤13	25.8
14	18.8
15	20.8
16	19.9
≥17	14.7

(N=1,975)

16	19.9
≥17	14.7
Partner age	
Younger/same age*	28.2
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Partner age	
Younger/same age*	28.2
1 yr. older	23.7
2–3 yrs. older	32.6
4–5 yrs. older	10.2
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2–3 yrs. older 4–5 yrs. older ≥6 yrs. older	32.6 10.2 5.3
Race/ethnicity	
White	68.5
Black	15.0
Hispanic	10.6

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Other	6.0
Religion	

Hispanic Other	10.6 6.0
Religion	
Baptist	23.7
Catholic	24.0
Othor	40.0

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Baptist	23.7
Catholic	24.0
Other	40.8
None	11.5

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Catholic	24.0
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Mother figure at home	

Catholic	24.0	
Other	40.8	
None	11.5	
Mother figure at home		
Yes	93.8	
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Mother figure at home	
Yes	93.8
No	6.2

Mother's education 76.8

23.2

<college graduate College graduate

100.0

Total \*Includes partners older by less than one year. Note: Percentages are weight-

ed; N is unweighted.