TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of males and females aged 15–24, by selected characteristics, according to age-group and gender, South Africa, 2003

Measure	15–19		20–24	
	Females	Males	Females	Males
Age at first sex	(N=1,741)	(N=1,756)**	(N=2,322)	(N=1,862)***
≤14	14.5	26.1	4.0	11.4
15–24	85.5	73.9	96.0	88.6
Age difference with first partner	(N=1,741)	(N=1,756)***	(N=2,321)	(N=1,860)***
Same age or younger	10.1	81.8	14.4	88.1
1–4 years older	71.5	17.6	61.8	10.5
5–9 years older	16.6	0.5	21.0	1.3
≥10 years older	1.7	0.1	2.9	0.2
Type of first partner‡	(N=1,739)	(N=1,757)***	(N=2,322)	(N=1,862)***
Main	96.6	78.8	96.1	79.0
Regular casual	1.2	11.1	1.0	9.7
Nonregular casual	2.1	10.0	2.8	11.3
Length of first relationship	(N=1,741)	(N=1,760)**	(N=2,325)	(N=1,866)***
Unknown	2.9	5.9	5.0	7.2
<1 month	9.9	29.7	7.7	20.0
1–6 months	31.4	21.8	14.5	17.8
>6–12 months	19.7	12.1	12.2	10.0
>12 months	36.0	30.5	60.5	45.0
Had sex with first partner in past 12 mos.	(N=1,740)	(N=1,756)***	(N=2,323)	(N=1,863)***
Yes	65.7	42.1	40.5	26.9
No	34.3	57.9	59.5	73.1
Frequency of sex with first partner in past mo.§	(N=1,092)	(N=840)**	(N=887)	(N=511)
None	55.2	65.4	46.3	49.7
1–2 times	23.7	20.3	24.7	29.9
≥3 times	21.0	14.3	28.9	20.5
Ever physically forced to have sex by first partner	(N=1,720)	(N=1,742)***	(N=2,310)	(N=1,855)***
Yes	6.7	0.5	5.3	0.3
No	93.3	99.5	94.7	99.7
Willingness at first sex	(N=1,716)	(N=1,751)***	(N=2,304)	(N=1,852)***
Willing	57.1	97.2	60.7	96.4
Persuaded	34.2	2.4	29.4	2.7
Tricked	4.5	0.2	6.5	0.6
Raped/forced	4.2	0.1	3.4	0.2

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Measure	15–19		20–24	
	Females	Males	Females	Males
Wantedness of first sex	(N=1,716)	(N=1,751)***	(N=2,303)	(N=1,853)***
Really wanted	27.1	83.2	31.5	83.5
Wanted	40.4	15.2	41.9	14.4
Did not want	26.5	1.1	21.9	1.6
Really did not want	6.0	0.5	4.6	0.4
Used condom at first sex	(N=1,720)	(N=1,754)†	(N=2,309)	(N=1,854)†
Yes	53.4	43.8	41.4	37.5
No	46.6	56.2	58.6	62.5
Used condom at last sex with first partner	(N=1,719)	(N=1,754)	(N=2,308)	(N=1,855)
Yes	51.9	46.7	36.5	39.5
No	48.1	53.3	63.5	60.5
Consistency of condom use with first partner	(N=1,718)	(N=1,753)†	(N=2,306)	(N=1,853)***
Always	35.0	33.9	20.9	24.9
Sometimes	30.2	19.8	33.9	25.5
Never	34.8	46.3	45.2	49.6
Talked to first partner about condom use	(N=1,719)	(N=1,751)***	(N=2,309)	(N=1,849)**
Yes	74.6	50.6	61.4	51.9
No	25.4	49.4	38.6	48.1
Ever used contraceptive method with first partner	(N=1,720)	(N=1,750)	(N=2,309)	(N=1,851)†
Yes	42.9	48.1	51.0	47.1
No	57.1	51.9	49.0	52.9
Method used with first partner††	(N=943)	(N=928)***	(N=1,274)	(N=948)***
Female/male condom	55.9	83.5	30.9	71.0
Pill/injectable	47.8	18.2	72.8	31.7
Other	1.2	1.4	1.7	3.1
Totals	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*p≤.05. **p≤.01. ***p≤.001. †p<.10. ‡A few respondents reported that their first partner had been a sex worker, but the proportion was statistically 0.0% for every gender–age combination. §Among those who had had sex in the past 12 months. ††Among those who had used a method. *Notes:* P values are for comparisons of distribution of responses between females and males, stratified by age-group. All N's are unweighted; percentages are weighted. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.