

TABLE 1. Selected characteristics of female adolescents surveyed at three urban clinics in the Southwest, 1999–2001

Characteristic	Mean or % (N=351)
MEANS	
Age	16.4 (1.5)
Pregnancy avoidance index (range, 0–4)	1.7 (1.1)
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS	
Race/ethnicity	
Hispanic	54.7
Black	25.1
White	18.8
Native American	1.1
Asian	0.3
Living arrangement	
Living with parent(s)	73.4
Living independently with boyfriend	11.4
Other	15.2
Educational status	
In school with passing grades or high school graduate	38.5
In school with failing grades or high school dropout	61.5
Sexually experienced	
For ≥6 mos.	89.3
For <6 mos.	10.7
Total	100.0
PERCENTAGES	
Past or current socially proscribed behavior†	81.2
Goals status	
Has educational or vocational goals	74.1
Perceives goals to be achievable‡	81.2
Considers pregnancy an impediment to achieving goals‡	42.4
Pregnancy avoidance behavior and attitudes	
Used contraceptive at last sexual intercourse§	35.3
Intends to avoid pregnancy	48.4
Would have an abortion if pregnant	13.5
Plans to use a prescription contraceptive††	74.6

†Illicit drug or alcohol use, truancy, running away from home, fighting, or being arrested or jailed. ‡Among those who have goals. §Condom, foam, diaphragm, pill, patch, injectable, implant or IUD. ††Pill, patch, injectable, implant or IUD. *Note:* Figures in parentheses are standard deviations.