

TABLE 5. Mean percentage distribution of sample, and percentages of women who married as children and women who gave birth as adolescents, by consistency of laws against child marriage—all according to selected characteristics

Characteristic	% distribution	Child marriage		Adolescent birth	
		Consistent laws	Inconsistent laws	Consistent laws	Inconsistent laws
Wealth quintile					
Poorest	16.2 (13.7, 19.4)	29.4 (9.6, 45.5)	46.6 (26.1, 58.4)	32.7 (17.9, 50.5)	52.4 (48.4, 57.1)
Poor	18.2 (16.6, 20.2)	25.7 (5.4, 41.5)	41.6 (23.5, 55.2)	30.0 (13.2, 50.0)	47.5 (38.3, 54.8)
Middle	19.5 (17.4, 22.6)	23.3 (6.2, 39.3)	36.3 (20.1, 51.1)	27.3 (11.8, 43.6)	43.3 (24.9, 53.7)
Rich	20.8 (18.9, 24.4)	18.9 (5.5, 25.0)	29.2 (5.5, 47.2)	22.3 (11.1, 34.1)	37.1 (20.8, 53.8)
Richest	25.4 (21.6, 29.3)	13.0 (3.9, 17.5)	14.8 (7.8, 20.9)	18.1 (10.2, 27.1)	22.7 (15.6, 35.0)
Location					
Rural	63.9 (10.3, 88.5)	23.4 (6.3, 83.9)	40.1 (27.8, 50.9)	27.1 (12.6, 42.0)	46.9 (38.8, 54.6)
Urban	36.1 (11.5, 89.7)	13.3 (4.4, 18.7)	20.7 (15.6, 30.1)	19.2 (12.9, 29.9)	29.7 (18.4, 42.2)
Religion					
Christian	73.1 (4.2, 98.1)	20.3 (5.8, 31.8)	25.8 (10.6, 40.8)	24.0 (12.3, 38.1)	34.6 (18.3, 47.4)
Muslim	23.8 (0.3, 95.4)	27.6 (10.9, 38.0)	40.9 (20.5, 58.2)	37.5 (24.0, 47.3)	45.8 (29.1, 56.1)
Traditional	0.9 (0.0, 5.6)	na	51.5 (10.1, 80.8)	na	61.5 (54.4, 72.0)
None	2.2 (0.0, 9.1)	28.0 (24.8, 31.2)	42.4 (31.1, 59.0)	42.5 (39.1, 45.8)	48.3 (36.4, 66.7)
Education					
None	21.2 (0.5, 63.8)	39.0 (18.8, 58.4)	52.3 (35.1, 53.9)	43.4 (28.4, 62.3)	58.2 (42.9, 67.7)
Primary (1–6 yrs.)	34.7 (8.2, 71.2)	20.5 (5.5, 38.5)	38.2 (21.4, 58.1)	23.9 (12.6, 44.6)	44.9 (22.8, 60.3)
Secondary (7–12 yrs.)	40.3 (13.7, 85.7)	10.5 (2.2, 22.7)	18.4 (6.6, 25.9)	15.0 (5.9, 35.8)	27.5 (7.8, 38.0)
Postsecondary (≥13 yrs.)	3.8 (0.7, 10.9)	2.6 (0.0, 7.1)	4.3 (0.0, 12.4)	5.2 (2.6, 6.9)	6.7 (0.3, 24.0)
All	100.0	21.6	33.4	24.4	39.5

Notes: Values in parentheses are the lowest and highest values in individual countries. All data are from Demographic and Health Surveys conducted in 2010–2012. Percentages are weighted and refer to all women aged 15–26 (N=79,567), except for the analysis of religion, which was restricted to women in the 11 countries for which DHS data on this measure were available (N=74,173). na=not applicable (data were available for only one country). Percentages may not total 100.0 because of rounding.