and 20—all by country, according to whether women married as a child or as an adult

16.8

16.4

16.4

17.0

17.0

16.7

19.4

18.9

20.2

19.2

19.9

19.4

At first birth

Country

Malawi

Senegal

Tanzania

Mean

Zimbabwe

as children and 17,343 as adults.

Mozambique

Mean age

16.0

15.6

15.2

16.1

16.3

15.8

19.6

20.1

20.5

20.1

20.3

20.2

At first marriage

	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	
Countries with	consistent lav	vs									
Burundi	16.4	20.1	17.1	20.4	15.9	17.6	4.9	0.1	87.0	9.6	
Uganda	15.8	20.0	16.5	19.3	15.1	16.7	13.4	8.0	88.3	17.9	
Ethiopia	15.0	19.9	17.0	20.5	14.7	18.1	7.5	0.0	72.3	6.2	
Rwanda	16.5	21.0	17.6	20.8	16.0	17.6	3.5	0.1	90.8	7.7	
Mean	15.9	20.3	17.1	20.3	15.4	17.5	7.3	0.3	84.6	10.4	
Countries with i	inconsistent l	aws									
Burkina Faso	16.0	19.6	17.1	20.0	15.8	17.6	4.3	0.1	81.0	12.8	
Cameroon	15.4	20.4	16.5	19.2	15.3	16.7	13.6	1.2	78.5	17.5	
Gabon	15.8	20.7	16.7	18.1	15.2	16.3	12.6	2.6	74.4	28.6	

15.2

14.8

15.3

15.1

16.1

15.4

Notes: All data are from Demographic and Health Surveys conducted in 2010–2012. All means are weighted; 23,759 women were classified as having married

16.9

16.1

18.2

16.6

18.8

17.2

7.7

11.4

14.9

5.7

3.7

9.2

0.5

1.9

0.5

1.0

0.2

1.0

88.6

78.3

75.9

86.1

84.6

80.9

20.6

26.0

9.2

20.3

16.7

18.9

TABLE 6. Mean ages at first marriage, first birth and sexual debut, and percentages of women who gave birth before ages 15

At sexual debut

% who gave birth

Before age 20

Before age 15