TABLE 3. Proportions (and confidence intervals) of women having sexual debut before ages 15, 16 and 19, according to their reports at ages 15-19 in the first DHS and at ages 20-24 in the second DHS, and the percentage difference and percentagepoint difference between surveys, nine countries, 2001-2011 Country and age Ages 15-19 Ages 20-24 Percentage Percentageat first sex difference point difference Ronin 2001 2006

Benin	2001	2006			
<15	16.0 (13.9–18.0)	11.5 (10.4-12.6)	-28.1	-4.5	
<16	31.9 (30.7-33.0)	25.4 (23.9-26.9)	-20.4	-6.5	
<19	79.5 (74.0-85.0)	70.8 (69.2-72.4)	-10.9	-8.7	
Ghana	2003	2008			
<15	7.3 (5.8–8.8)	7.2 (5.4-8.9)	-1.4	-0.1	
<16	18.9 (16.3-21.4)	16.4 (14.0-18.9)	-13.2	-2.5	
<19		59 9 (56 7-63 2)			

-8.7	-20.4 -10.9	25.4 (23.9–26.9) 70.8 (69.2–72.4)	31.9 (30.7–33.0) 79.5 (74.0–85.0)	<16 <19
		2008	2003	Ghana
-0.1	-1.4	7.2 (5.4-8.9)	7.3 (5.8–8.8)	<15
-2.5	-13.2	16.4 (14.0-18.9)	18.9 (16.3-21.4)	<16
-4.5	-7.0	59.9 (56.7-63.2)	64.4 (57.4–71.3)	<19
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Madagascar	2003	2008-2009			
<19	64.4 (57.4–71.3)	59.9 (56.7–63.2)	-7.0	-4.5	
<16	18.9 (16.3–21.4)	16.4 (14.0–18.9)	-13.2	-2.5	
<15	7.3 (5.8-8.8)	7.2 (5.4-8.9)	-1.4	-0.1	
Shana	2003	2008			
<19	79.5 (74.0–85.0)	70.8 (69.2–72.4)	-10.9	-8.7	
<16	31.9 (30.7-33.0)	25.4 (23.9–26.9)	-20.4	-6.5	
<15	16.0 (13.9–18.0)	11.5 (10.4–12.6)	-28.1	-4.5	

Ghana	2003	2008			
<15	7.3 (5.8-8.8)	7.2 (5.4-8.9)	-1.4	-0.1	
<16	18.9 (16.3-21.4)	16.4 (14.0-18.9)	-13.2	-2.5	
<19	64.4 (57.4–71.3)	59.9 (56.7–63.2)	-7.0	-4.5	
Madagascar	2003	2008-2009			
<15	16.0 (14.2-17.9)	18.1 (16.7-19.6)	13.1	2.1	
<16	33.9 (31.3-36.5)	33.4 (31.6-35.1)	-1.5	-0.5	
<19	69.4 (64.0–74.7)	75.8 (74.2–77.4)	9.2	6.4	

Madagascar	2003	2008-2009			
<15	16.0 (14.2-17.9)	18.1 (16.7-19.6)	13.1	2.1	
<16	33.9 (31.3-36.5)	33.4 (31.6-35.1)	-1.5	-0.5	
<19	69.4 (64.0–74.7)	75.8 (74.2–77.4)	9.2	6.4	
Mali	2001	2006			
Mali <15	2001 26.0 (24.3–27.7)	2006 26.1 (24.2–27.7)	0.4	0.1	
			0.4 1.7	0.1 0.8	
<15	26.0 (24.3–27.7)	26.1 (24.2–27.7)			

<19	69.4 (64.0–74.7)	75.8 (74.2–77.4)	9.2	6.4	
Mali	2001	2006			
<15	26.0 (24.3-27.7)	26.1 (24.2-27.7)	0.4	0.1	
<16	47.4 (45.3-49.6)	48.2 (46.3-50.1)	1.7	0.8	
<19	83.6 (79.8–87.5)	80.7 (79.2–82.2)	-3.5	-2.9	
Senegal	2005	2010-2011			
<15	9.1 (8.1-10.0)	11.9 (10.8-13.0)	30.8	2.8	
<16	16.9 (15.5-18.3)	20.5 (19.1-21.9)	21.3	3.6	
<19	43.5 (39.3-47.6)	45.2 (43.4-46.9)	3.9	1.7	

Mali	2001	2006			
<15	26.0 (24.3-27.7)	26.1 (24.2-27.7)	0.4	0.1	
<16	47.4 (45.3-49.6)	48.2 (46.3-50.1)	1.7	0.8	
<19	83.6 (79.8–87.5)	80.7 (79.2–82.2)	-3.5	-2.9	
Conomal	2005	2010-2011			
Senegal					
<15	9.1 (8.1–10.0)	11.9 (10.8–13.0)	30.8	2.8	
<16	16.9 (15.5–18.3)	20.5 (19.1-21.9)	21.3	3.6	
<19	43.5 (39.3-47.6)	45.2 (43.4-46.9)	3.9	1.7	
Uganda	2006	2011			
<15	11 8 (10 4-13 3)	16 1 (14 3-17 9)	36.4	43	

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Senegal	2005	2010-2011			
<15	9.1 (8.1-10.0)	11.9 (10.8-13.0)	30.8	2.8	
<16	16.9 (15.5–18.3)	20.5 (19.1-21.9)	21.3	3.6	
<19	43.5 (39.3–47.6)	45.2 (43.4-46.9)	3.9	1.7	
Uganda	2006	2011			
<15	11.8 (10.4–13.3)	16.1 (14.3-17.9)	36.4	4.3	
<16	24.5 (22.3-26.7)	29.0 (26.8-31.2)	18.4	4.5	
<19	70.7 (65.8–75.6)	71.0 (68.8-73.2)	0.4	0.3	

<19	63.0 (79.6–67.3)	00.7 (79.2-02.2)	-3.3	-2.9	
Senegal	2005	2010-2011			
<15	9.1 (8.1–10.0)	11.9 (10.8-13.0)	30.8	2.8	
<16	16.9 (15.5–18.3)	20.5 (19.1-21.9)	21.3	3.6	
<19	43.5 (39.3–47.6)	45.2 (43.4–46.9)	3.9	1.7	
Uganda	2006	2011			
<15	11.8 (10.4–13.3)	16.1 (14.3-17.9)	36.4	4.3	
<16	24.5 (22.3-26.7)	29.0 (26.8-31.2)	18.4	4.5	
<19	70.7 (65.8–75.6)	71.0 (68.8-73.2)	0.4	0.3	

Bolivia	2003	2008			
<19	70.7 (65.8–75.6)	71.0 (68.8–73.2)	0.4	0.3	
<16	24.5 (22.3-26.7)	29.0 (26.8-31.2)	18.4	4.5	
<15	11.8 (10.4-13.3)	16.1 (14.3-17.9)	36.4	4.3	
Uganda	2006	2011			
<19	43.5 (39.3–47.6)	45.2 (43.4–46.9)	3.9	1.7	
<16	16.9 (15.5–18.3)	20.5 (19.1-21.9)	21.3	3.6	

<19	43.5 (39.3–47.6)	45.2 (43.4–46.9)	3.9	1.7	
Uganda	2006	2011			
<15	11.8 (10.4-13.3)	16.1 (14.3-17.9)	36.4	4.3	
<16	24.5 (22.3-26.7)	29.0 (26.8-31.2)	18.4	4.5	
<19	70.7 (65.8–75.6)	71.0 (68.8–73.2)	0.4	0.3	
Bolivia	2003	2008			
<15	6.2 (5.4–6.9)	6.6 (5.7–7.6)	6.5	0.4	
<16	146 (134–150)	16.2 (14.8–17.5)	11.0	16	

Uganda	2006	2011			
<15	11.8 (10.4–13.3)	16.1 (14.3-17.9)	36.4	4.3	
<16	24.5 (22.3-26.7)	29.0 (26.8-31.2)	18.4	4.5	
<19	70.7 (65.8–75.6)	71.0 (68.8–73.2)	0.4	0.3	
Bolivia	2003	2008			
<15	6.2 (5.4-6.9)	6.6 (5.7-7.6)	6.5	0.4	
<16	14.6 (13.4–15.9)	16.2 (14.8–17.5)	11.0	1.6	

<16	24.5 (22.3–26.7)	29.0 (26.8–31.2)	18.4	4.5	
<19	70.7 (65.8–75.6)	71.0 (68.8–73.2)	0.4	0.3	
Bolivia	2003	2008			
<15	6.2 (5.4-6.9)	6.6 (5.7-7.6)	6.5	0.4	
<16	14.6 (13.4–15.9)	16.2 (14.8-17.5)	11.0	1.6	
<19	49.7 (45.8-53.6)	53.0 (51.2-55.0)	6.6	3.3	

Bolivia	2003	2008			
<15	6.2 (5.4-6.9)	6.6 (5.7-7.6)	6.5	0.4	
<16	14.6 (13.4-15.9)	16.2 (14.8-17.5)	11.0	1.6	
<19	49.7 (45.8–53.6)	53.0 (51.2–55.0)	6.6	3.3	
Colombia	2005	2010			

113	0.2 (3.1 0.2)	0.0 (5.7 7.0)	0.5	0.1	
<16	14.6 (13.4–15.9)	16.2 (14.8-17.5)	11.0	1.6	
<19	49.7 (45.8–53.6)	53.0 (51.2–55.0)	6.6	3.3	
Colombia	2005	2010			
<15	13.7 (12.9-14.5)	13.8 (13.0-14.6)	0.7	0.1	
-16	27.2 (26.0. 20.4)	20 2 (20 2 20 2)	7.4	2.0	

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<19 **Dominican Republic** 2002 2007 <15 12.8 (11.8-13.8) 16.3 (15.2-17.3) 27.3 3.5 <16 24.2 (22.8-25.6) 28.1 (26.8-29.5) 16.1 3.9

Note: Estimates are based on the proportion of the sample exposed to the relevant time period.

63.0 (61.6-64.4)

14.5

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55.0 (51.9-58.2)

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