TABLE 1.1

Sexual and reproductive health indicators for females and males, both nationally and by region, Ghana Demographic and Health Survey, 2014

Indicator	All		Brong Ahafo		Greater Accra		Northern Region	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Marriage and fertility								
Median age at first intercourse†	18.4	20.0	18.0	20.1	19.0	20.3	17.6	20.6
Median age at first marriage‡	20.7	26.4	21.5	25.0	23.7	28.7	18.7	25.2
Total fertility rate (15–49)§	4.2	na	4.8	na	2.8	na	6.6	na
Age-specific fertility rate (15–19)††	76.0	na	105.0	na	30.0	na	93.0	na
Currently married/in union (15–19)	6.4	0.5	7.3	0.0	3.3	0.0	8.8	0.0
Has begun childbearing (15–19)	14.2	na	21.3	na	8.3	na	10.1	na
Recent birth was unplanned ‡‡	73.9	na	77.1	na	72.0	na	15.6	na
Sexual activity (15–19)								
Ever had sexual intercourse	42.8	26.6	60.0	28.4	30.4	32.3	28.3	15.3
Had sexual intercourse before age 15	11.8	9.3	21.3	7.1	4.5	22.5	8.1	2.6
Currently sexually active§§	26.2	13.8	37.0	16.3	14.7	19.6	22.9	8.2
Sexual health knowledge (15–19)								
Knows of a modern contraceptive*†	96.0	97.5	97.1	96.9	98.2	100.0	80.3	90.3
Knows where to get condoms	64.3	84.1	62.4	80.3	77.6	98.2	25.5	51.1
Has comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS*‡	18.1	24.5	16.9	10.3	26.6	36.5	12.9	15.4
Contraceptive use among sexually active women (15–19)								
Currently using any method								
All	29.6	na	56.8	na	35.4	na	1.7	na
Married/in union	18.6	na	ds	na	ds	na	ds	na
Unmarried	33.2	na	64.8	na	35.0	na	2.8	na
Currently using a modern method*§								
All	22.2	na	51.2	na	24.1	na	1.7	na
Married/in union	16.7	na	ds	na	ds	na	ds	na
Unmarried	24.0	na	58.8	na	20.5	na	2.8	na
Has unmet need for family planning†*								
All	59.1	na	32.0	na	60.2	na	65.3	na
Married/in union	50.7	na	ds	na	ds	na	ds	na
Unmarried	61.8	na	33.6	na	59.3	na	82.9	na
Has demand for family planning†‡								
All	88.6	na	88.8	na	95.6	na	67.0	na
Married/in union	69.3	na	ds	na	ds	na	ds	na
Unmarried	94.9	na	98.4	na	94.4	na	85.7	na
Has HIV (15–24)	1.5	0.2	1.5	0.7	1.4	0.0	0.4	0.0

†Among women aged 20-49 and men aged 25-59. ‡Among women aged 25-49 and men aged 30-59. §The average number of live births a woman would have by the age of 50 if she were subject, throughout her life, to the age-specific fertility rates observed in each given year; calculation assumes no mortality. ††The annual number of births to women of a specified age or age-group per 1,000 women in that group. ‡‡For any birth in the past five years that was defined as mistimed or unwanted. §§Defined as having had sexual intercourse in the past three months or being currently married. *†Women were prompted for their recognition of the following methods: female and male sterilization, IUD, injectable, implant, pill, male and female condoms, lactational amenorrhea method, emergency contraception, rhythm/calendar method and withdrawal. The last two were excluded as modern methods. *‡Includes correctly identifying that HIV risk can be reduced by consistently using condoms and by having a single partner who is HIV-negative and who has no other partners, knowing that a healthy-looking person can have HIV and rejecting the two most common local misconceptions about HIV transmission (via mosquitoes and supernatural means). *§In addition to the methods listed for the knowledge of modern contraceptives measure (except for emergency contraception), women were asked about the diaphragm, foam/gel, other modern methods and other traditional methods. Rhythm/calendar, withdrawal and other traditional methods were excluded as modern methods. †*Unmet need for family planning is defined as currently married or sexually active and fecund women who want to postpone their next birth for two or more years or who want to stop childbearing altogether but are not currently using a method. †‡The sum of those who have an unmet need and those who are currently using a method. *Notes:* Median age at first intercourse, median age at first marriage, total fertility rate, age-specific fertility rate and initiation of childbearing are from the 2014 Ghana Demographic and Health Survey (GDHS); all other indicators were calculated using data from the 2014 GDHS. Figures are percentages unless indicated otherwise. na=not applicable. ds=data suppressed, for when DHS data are available for fewer than 20 respondents. *Source:* reference 20.