

Table 1. Percentage distribution of all heterosexual survey respondents, sexually experienced heterosexual respondents, and all undergraduates at a Midwestern university, by selected background characteristics, 1991

Characteristic	All respondents		Sexually experienced		All undergraduates*	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Sex						
Female	344	59.4	252	57.3	13,698	54.1
Male	235	40.6	188	42.7	11,614	45.9
Age						
18–19	213	36.8	148	33.6	u	u
20–21	230	39.7	167	38.0	u	u
22–23	93	16.1	83	18.9	u	u
24–25	18	3.1	17	3.9	u	u
≥26	25	4.3	25	5.7	u	u
Race						
White	528	91.2	401	91.1	22,690	92.0
Black	24	4.2	19	4.3	991	4.0
Other	27	4.7	20	4.5	975	4.0
Class						
Freshman	132	22.9	95	21.6	5,227	20.7
Sophomore	155	26.9	108	24.6	6,638	26.2
Junior	138	24.0	108	24.6	5,908	23.3
Senior	151	26.2	128	29.2	7,539	29.8
Marital status						
Ever married	30	5.2	29	6.6	u	u
Never married	549	94.8	411	93.4	u	u
Religion of rearing						
Protestant	282	48.7	221	50.2	u	u
Catholic	159	27.5	110	25.0	u	u
Jewish	37	6.4	27	6.1	u	u
Other	24	4.2	16	3.6	u	u
None	77	13.3	66	15.0	u	u
Region of birth†						
Midwest	460	79.9	348	79.5	22,191	87.8
Northeast	55	9.6	44	10.0	1,009	4.0
South	40	7.0	31	7.1	1,133	4.5
West	12	2.1	8	1.8	236	0.9
Outside United States	9	1.6	7	1.6	695	2.8
Population of place of birth						
>1,000,000	57	9.8	44	10.0	u	u
500,000–999,999	98	16.9	77	17.5	u	u
200,000–499,999	59	10.2	44	10.0	u	u
100,000–199,999	73	12.6	57	13.0	u	u
10,000–99,999	253	43.7	190	43.2	u	u
2,500–9,999	28	4.8	19	4.3	u	u
<2,500	11	1.9	9	2.1	u	u
College residence						
Dormitory	249	43.0	164	37.3	9,475	39.9
Sorority/fraternity	67	11.6	57	13.0	3,147	13.3
Off campus‡	254	43.9	211	48.0	10,455	44.0
With parent/parents	9	1.6	8	1.8	660	2.8
Major§						
Business	123	21.2	93	21.1	u	u
Social sciences	88	15.2	69	15.7	u	u
Humanities/languages	57	9.8	42	9.6	u	u
Journalism	51	8.8	31	7.0	u	u
Other	260	44.9	205	46.6	u	u
Total	579	100.0	440	100.0	25,312	100.0

*Information was derived from the 1990–91 Enrollment Report Update: A Summary of Second Semester published by the university. Age was not available by the age categories presented for the study sample; the mean age was 20 and the modal age was 19 for the total university undergraduate population. Information on race was obtained from the university registrar's office. Three respondents did not report their year in college. †Based on regional breakdowns from U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1988*, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1987. ‡Includes those who rented an apartment and those who rented or owned a home. §Only the major areas of study most frequently listed by the respondents are noted. "Other" is made up of 22 other majors, none of which was mentioned by more than 8% of respondents. Note: Ns do not always sum to totals because of uncoded, missing or unavailable data.