

TABLE 1. Means, percentage distributions and percentages indicating selected contextual characteristics of unmarried Ghanaian youth, by type of characteristic, according to gender, 1998

Characteristic	Total (N=3,739)	Males (N=2,294)	Females (N=1,445)
DEMOGRAPHIC			
Mean			
Age (yrs.)	17.4	17.5	17.3
% distributions			
Age-group			
12-14	23.0	24.1	21.3
15-19	47.6	44.5	52.5
20-24	29.4	31.4	26.2
Education completed			
None	10.8	10.3	11.5
Primary	15.9	15.9	15.9
Middle	48.4	47.9	49.1
Secondary	23.4	24.2	22.0
Higher	1.7	1.7	1.5
Religion			
Catholic	22.1	22.1	21.9
Protestant	30.1	28.7	32.2
Charismatic	25.5	24.5	27.1
Muslim	14.7	16.2	12.4
None	2.4	3.1	1.3
Other	5.3	5.4	5.1
Ethnic group			
Akan	51.6	51.8	51.2
Ga adang	9.3	9.8	8.4
Ewe	17.5	16.0	19.9
Northern tribe	16.3	16.4	16.3
Dagomba/other	5.4	6.1	4.2
Residence			
City	11.8	11.9	11.6
Large town	9.9	9.9	9.8
Small town	26.4	26.0	26.9
Village	52.0	52.1	51.8
Living arrangement			
Both parents	50.4	52.9	46.5
Mother	19.3	17.5	22.1
Father	8.7	8.5	9.1
Other	21.6	21.1	22.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percentage			
Attend school			
All	56.1	55.9	56.5
12-14 yrs.	83.4	81.9	86.0
15-19 yrs.	63.1	63.9	62.1
20-24 yrs.	23.5	24.7	21.1
HOUSEHOLD			
Percentages			
Have tap water in residence	22.6	23.1	21.7
Have finished floor	56.2	57.8	53.6
Have flush toilet	9.0	9.2	8.6
Have electricity	45.5	45.4	45.7
Have radio	64.1	65.6	61.6
Have television	31.2	31.1	31.2
Have video	9.4	9.0	9.9
Have refrigerator	20.3	19.3	21.8
Have motorcycle	8.2	8.1	8.4
Means			
Household assets index (range, 0-9)†	3.0	3.0	3.0
No. of rooms	3.7	3.7	3.7

†See text, page 15, for definition.