

Table 2. Selected measures of current and lifetime sexual activity among women aged 15–19, by age at interview, according to year

Measure	1982	1988	1995
ALL ADOLESCENTS			
% who ever had intercourse			
15–19	46.9*	52.6	51.5
15–17	32.2	37.6	38.5
18–19	64.1*	74.3	70.8†
% who ever had premarital intercourse‡			
15–19	43.9****	52.2	50.6††††
15–17	31.1*	37.5	38.3†††
18–19	58.6****	73.7	69.0††††
% who had intercourse in past 3 months			
15–19	40.0	42.6	40.3
15–17	26.8	28.5	28.0
18–19	55.2	63.0	58.7
Mean no. of months in past year in which sexually experienced women had sex			
15–19	9.1*	8.6	8.6††
15–17	8.7	8.2	8.0†
18–19	9.2	8.9	9.1
NEVER-MARRIED ADOLESCENTS§			
% who ever had intercourse			
15–19	41.8*	47.0	44.9
15–17	30.0	35.3	35.6†
18–19	57.6*	67.7	62.2
% who had intercourse in past 3 months			
15–19	34.3	36.6	32.9
15–17	24.4	26.3	24.6
18–19	47.4	54.9	48.3

*Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .10$. ****Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .001$. †Significantly different from 1982 at $p < .10$. ††Significantly different from 1982 at $p < .05$. †††Significantly different from 1982 at $p < .01$. ††††Significantly different from 1982 at $p < .001$. ‡Those who first had sex one month or more prior to the month they first married or cohabited. §Excludes those who have been married and those who have ever cohabited. *Note:* No differences between 1988 and 1995 were statistically significant at $p < .10$.