

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of attendees aged 21 or younger at specialist youth service sites, by selected characteristics, United Kingdom, 1999

Characteristic	% (N=747)
Gender	
Male	11.2
Female	88.8
Age	
<14	3.6
14–15	23.6
16–17	40.7
18–19	22.6
20–21	9.5
Receiving education	
Yes	71.5
Secondary school	31.6
Sixth-form college†	30.7
University	9.2
No	25.8
Employed	18.6
Unemployed	7.2
Other‡	2.7
Race	
White	95.4
Black	2.9
Other	1.6
Social deprivation of residential area§	
Very low	8.4
Low	7.5
Average	11.5
High	20.9
Very high	51.6
Sexually experienced	
Yes	90.1
No	9.9
Ever used a sexual health service	
Yes	89.7
After first sex	61.2
Before first sex	28.5
No	10.3
Total	100.0

†Institutions that specialize in the highest two grades of secondary school and vocational training. ‡Full-time caregiver or at home. §Among 651 respondents who provided a valid postal code, which was allocated a social deprivation score, on the basis of socioeconomic indicators of census wards.