

**TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of Nigerian youth who reported at least one STI symptom in the 12 months prior to interview, by gender, according to selected characteristics, 2003 and 2005 National HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Health Survey**

Characteristic	All (N=538)	Males (N=162)	Females (N=376)
<b>Age</b>			
15–18	31.0	30.9	31.1
19–21	37.2	37.7	36.9
22–24	31.8	31.5	31.9
<b>Religion</b>			
Islam	41.3	33.3	44.7
Christianity	57.4	64.8	54.3
Traditional	0.7	1.2	0.5
Other	0.6	0.6	0.5
<b>Residence</b>			
Urban	42.4	40.1	43.4
Rural	57.6	59.9	56.4
<b>Geopolitical zone</b>			
North West	25.3	17.9	28.5
North East	8.9	8.6	9.0
North Central	19.3	24.1	17.3
South West	19.5	14.8	21.5
South East	8.0	9.9	7.2
South South	19.0	24.7	16.5
<b>Ever attended school</b>			
Yes	85.6	91.4	83.0
No	14.4	8.6	17.0
<b>Economic status</b>			
Low	40.2	37.7	41.2
Middle	39.9	41.4	39.4
High	19.9	20.9	19.4
<b>Marital status</b>			
Married	29.6	7.4	39.1
Single	70.4	92.6	60.9
<b>No. of sexual partners in last 12 mos.</b>			
1	50.4	28.4	59.8
≥2	49.6	71.6	40.2
<b>Age at sexual debut</b>			
Married			
<15	28.3	8.3	29.9
15–19	59.2	75.0	57.2
20–24	10.1	16.7	9.5
Cannot recall	2.5	0.0	2.7
Single			
<15	8.4	10.7	6.9
15–19	43.7	40.7	44.8
20–24	8.4	8.7	8.3
Cannot recall	39.8	40.0	31.7
<b>STI knowledge</b>			
None	17.8	11.1	20.7
Low	23.6	25.9	22.6
Medium	17.3	21.6	15.5
High	41.3	41.4	41.2
<b>STI symptom</b>			
Genital discharge	61.8	57.9	63.6
Genital itching	65.1	60.5	67.0
Genital ulcer	18.3	23.6	16.0
<b>Sought STI treatment</b>			
Yes	52.8	64.2	47.9
No	47.2	35.8	52.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0