

TABLE 1. Percentage distribution of adolescents in grades 7–12, and percentage reporting selected sexual behaviors, by individual, household and neighborhood characteristics, National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, 1994–1995

Characteristic	Total* (N=14,151)	Ever had sex	No birth control at first sex†	No birth control at most recent sex†	Characteristic	Total* (N=14,151)	Ever had sex	No birth control at first sex†	No birth control at most recent sex†
Total	100	39	35	32	Total	100	39	35	32
INDIVIDUAL/HOUSEHOLD					NEIGHBORHOOD				
% of federal poverty level‡					% poor				
0–100	13	45	43	36	>20	22	50	39	35
101–200	17	40	36	33	11–20	19	43	37	33
201–300	17	36	35	30	6–10	27	36	34	29
301–400	12	31	30	28	≤5	31	32	30	30
>400	18	34	29	26	% affluent				
Unknown	22	47	36	34	>10	23	32	32	31
Parental education					6–10	25	37	32	30
≤8th grade	4	39	44	44	3–5	28	41	36	32
Some high school	8	51	43	37	≤2	25	47	38	34
High school/GED	28	45	35	35	% of youth idle				
Some college	30	39	35	28	>10	15	44	43	36
College graduate	29	28	30	28	6–10	26	45	35	32
Unknown	2	75	37	34	1–5	34	38	33	31
Race/ethnicity					0	25	32	33	30
Black	17	58	38	32	% of women working				
Cuban American	1	26	43	53	>35	25	36	32	30
Mexican American	8	34	43	45	26–35	43	39	35	31
Puerto Rican	2	48	40	37	≤25	31	42	38	34
White	73	35	33	30	% of married households				
Age					>33	36	33	36	31
11–14	34	15	42	38	21–33	44	40	34	32
15–17	50	46	35	31	≤20	19	48	36	32
18–21	16	68	33	30	% of stable households				
Gender					≤45	19	40	36	33
Male	51	40	35	29	46–55	23	36	36	34
Female	49	38	35	35	56–66	40	40	35	31
Family structure					>66	18	40	33	29
2 biological parents	53	30	31	29	% black				
1 biological/1 non-biological parent	16	46	37	33	>33	15	55	38	33
Single parent	24	46	36	33	6–33	28	41	37	33
Other	7	67	44	36	2–5	20	37	35	32
					≤1	37	33	32	30
					% Hispanic				
					>15	11	35	45	42
					6–15	15	38	34	31
					2–5	26	41	35	31
					≤1	48	39	34	31

*Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding. †Among adolescents who had ever had sex. ‡Federal poverty level in 1994. Note: Data are weighted to yield national probability estimates.