

Table 3. Among sexually active women aged 15–17, the percentage having an older partner and the odds of doing so, according to age difference between partners; and among those at risk of an unintended pregnancy, percentage who practiced contraception at last sex and odds of doing so; all by selected characteristics of the woman

Characteristic	Weighted N (000s)	3–5 yrs. older		≥6 yrs. older		Practiced contraception at last sex†		
		%	Odds ratio	%	Odds ratio	Weighted N (000s)	%	Odds ratio
Total	1,517	29.2	na	6.7	na	1,280	81.9	na
% of poverty level								
0–99	304	31.7	0.98	7.5	1.07	192	70.4	0.88
100–199	413	30.2	1.14	7.7	1.38	349	80.5	1.01
≥200	800	27.8	1.00	5.8	1.00	739	85.6	1.00
Race/ethnicity								
Black	300	24.0	0.81	5.8	0.46	271	72.5	0.30*
Hispanic	269	39.4	1.55	9.9	2.44	170	62.6	0.22*
White/other	947	28.0	1.00	6.0	1.00	839	88.9	1.00
Married/cohabiting								
Yes	175	41.9	1.29	16.3	1.75	100	81.8	‡
No	1,342	27.6	1.00	5.4	1.00	1,180	82.0	‡
High school completion								
Dropped out	190	36.3	1.43	14.5	2.72	134	52.7	0.25*
Enrolled or completed	1,327	28.2	1.00	5.6	1.00	1,146	85.4	1.00
Both parents present during childhood								
Yes	502	25.7	1.00	7.1	1.00	467	84.3	1.00
No	1,015	31.0	1.12	6.5	0.91	813	80.6	0.77
Religion								
Protestant	700	27.5	1.00	8.0	1.00	637	86.4	1.00
Roman Catholic	376	30.8	0.95	4.2	0.26*	308	75.7	0.36
None/other	441	30.6	0.91	6.7	0.38	335	79.1	0.75
Relationship with current partner at first sex								
Just met/friend/dating	343	24.6	1.00	12.9	1.00	307	80.5	1.00
Going steady/engaged	963	29.0	1.28	3.3	0.16*	821	84.5	0.88
Information missing	212	38.0	1.35	12.2	0.47	152	70.8	0.54
Ever forced to have sex§								
Yes	307	29.3	2.10*	9.0	1.08	235	71.5	0.53
No	1,200	25.3	1.00	6.1	1.00	1,035	84.2	1.00
Partner's age								
≤2 yrs. older/younger	na	na	na	na	na	879	77.6	1.00
3–5 yrs. older	na	na	na	na	na	328	75.8	0.78
≥6 yrs. older	na	na	na	na	na	73	66.0	0.20*

*Statistically significant at $p < .05$. †Among women who were neither pregnant, trying to become pregnant, postpartum, or sterile for noncontraceptive reasons. ‡Too few cases to permit analysis. §Ns do not sum to column total because of missing data. Notes: na=not applicable. Odds ratios result from a logistic regression that controlled for the effects of all characteristics shown in the table. Ns for some subgroups may not add to column total because of rounding.