

**Table 3 Percentage of people with positive significant caries index (SiC) values, by sociodemographic variables and toothbrushing**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>N examined</b>	<b>%<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Positive SiC %</b>	<b><math>\chi^2</math></b>
<i>Total</i>	2183	100.0	34.4	
<i>Age (years)</i>				
18–24	462	21.2	2.8	622.46***
25–34	596	27.3	18.3	
35–44	595	27.3	41.5	
≥ 45	530	24.3	72.3	
<i>Sex</i>				
Male	862	39.5	28.0	26.57***
Female	1321	60.5	38.7	
<i>Marital status</i>				
Single	502	23.0	6.4	227.53***
Married	1681	77.0	42.8	
<i>Birth place</i>				
Urban	1022	46.8	21.9	133.61***
Rural	1161	53.2	45.5	
<i>Education</i>				
None	171	7.8	71.9	158.89***
1–10 years	1570	72.0	35.0	
11+ years	442	20.2	18.1	
<i>Occupation</i>				
Dependant	728	33.3	46.6	76.96***
Worker	807	37.0	31.1	
Self-employed	648	29.7	25.0	
<i>No. of children</i>				
0	688	31.5	12.9	289.16***
1–2	764	35.0	33.4	
≥ 3	731	33.5	55.8	
<i>Toothbrushing</i>				
Irregular	1073	49.2	41.2	42.51***
Regular	1110	50.8	27.9	

<sup>a</sup>Evaluations were made according to line totals.

\*\*\*P < 0.001.