

Table 1 **Background characteristics of the study women (n = 500)**

Characteristic	No.	%	Characteristic	No.	%
<i>Woman's age (years)</i>			<i>Place of residence</i>		
< 20	54	10.8	Urban	236	47.2
20–29	280	56.0	Rural	264	52.8
30–39	133	26.6	<i>Parity</i>		
40+	33	6.6	Primiparous	91	18.2
<i>Family size</i>			Multiparous	409	81.8
3	115	23.0	<i>History of spontaneous abortion</i>		
4–5	235	47.0	Yes	154	30.8
6+	150	30.0	No	346	69.2
<i>Housing ownership</i>			<i>History of induced abortion</i>		
Own house	288	57.6	Yes	10	2.0
Share house	212	42.4	No	490	98.0
<i>Woman's education (years)</i>			<i>History of stillbirth</i>		
≤ 6	147	29.4	Yes	33	6.6
7–9	191	38.2	No	467	93.4
10–12	102	20.4	<i>History of perinatal death</i>		
13+	60	12.0	Yes	51	10.2
<i>Woman's status</i>			No	449	89.8
Husband's only wife	466	93.2	<i>History of non-normal delivery^a</i>		
Husband has more than 1 wife	44	6.8	Yes	167	33.4
<i>Husband's education (years)</i>			No	333	66.6
≤ 6	140	28.0	<i>Interval from last pregnancy (years) (n = 400)</i>		
7–9	207	41.4	≤ 1	49	12.3
10–12	61	12.2	2–3	206	51.5
13+	92	18.4	4+	245	36.2
<i>Woman's work status</i>			<i>History of medical or obstetric problems during last pregnancy</i>		
Not working	458	91.6	Yes	181	36.2
Working and earning	42	8.4	No	319	63.8
<i>Husband's work</i>					
Professional	69	13.8			
Labourer	228	45.6			
Small industry	80	16.0			
Other	123	24.6			
<i>Family income (monthly, Syrian pounds)</i>					
< 5000	39	7.8			
5000–10 000	239	47.8			
10 000+	222	44.4			

^aRefers to both caesarean sections and instrument delivery.