

Table 2 Demographic characteristics of the 13-14-year-old pupils

Variable	Tartous (<i>n</i> = 2995)		Lattakia (<i>n</i> = 3010)		Aleppo (<i>n</i> = 3063)		Total (<i>n</i> = 9068)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<i>Age (years)^a</i>								
11	-	-	-	-	152	5.0	152	1.7
12	1	0.0	-	-	971	31.7	972	10.7
13	2201	73.5	2088	69.4	1347	44.0	5636	62.2
14	793	26.5	922	30.6	496	16.2	2211	24.4
15	-	-	-	-	91	3.0	91	1.0
16	-	-	-	-	4	0.1	4	0.0
Missing data	-	-	-	-	2	0.0	2	0.0
<i>Sex^a</i>								
Male	1420	47.4	1075	35.7	1551	50.6	4046	44.6
Female	1575	52.6	1935	64.3	1512	49.4	5022	55.4

^aChi-squared test for difference between centres, *P* < 0.001.