

Table 1 Characteristics of children infested with pediculosis capitis

Characteristic	No. of examinations	No. of infestation	Prevalence (%)	<i>P</i> -value
Sex				< 0.0001
Male	832	163	19.6	
Female	718	249	34.7	
Hair length				< 0.0001
Short, < 3 cm	582	69	11.9	
Medium, > 3 cm to shoulder level	529	173	32.7	
Long, > shoulder level	439	170	38.7	
Age (years)				< 0.0001
6	187	75	40.1	
7	190	79	41.6	
8	210	59	28.1	
9	250	68	27.2	
10	286	33	11.5	
11+	427	98	23.0	
Place of residence				< 0.001
Urban	932	219	23.5	
Rural	618	193	31.2	
Family size (No. of members)				< 0.0001
< 5	370	35	9.5	
5-10	1101	342	31.1	
> 10	79	35	44.3	
Family income (Jordanian dinars)				< 0.0001
< 200	352	190	54.0	
200-500	726	179	24.7	
> 500	472	43	9.1	
Mother's employment				0.204
Employed outside the home	343	82	23.9	
Not employed outside the home	1207	330	27.3	
History of infestation				< 0.0001
Yes	509	292	57.4	
No	1041	120	11.5	
Total	1550			