Table 2 Demographic characteristics of suicide attempters based on an integrated analysis of studies carried out in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Characteristic	No. of studies analysed	No. of cases	Weighted mean (SD)	95% CI	Min.	Max.	Median
Age (mean years)	14	85 231	25.0 (3.6)	17.5–32.3	18	37	25
Sex (% of cases)	30	18 956					
Male			41.8 (3.2)	35.4–48.2	12	61	39.5
Female			58.2 (5.4)	47.4–60.0	29	68	59.5
Marital status (%)	30	18 956					
Single[a]			50.5 (4.1)	47.6–58.9	17	77	51
Married			45.6 (5.2)	35.4–55.6	12	69	47
Divorced			3.9 (0.8)	2.2–5.5	0.3	14	3.5
Residence (%)	13	7 543					
Urban			70.0 (6.4)	63.5–82.8	10	90.1	-
Rural			30.0 (3.4)	23.5–36.8	47	48	29
Education (%)	22	16 543					
Illiterate			17.2 (2.8)	22.9–14.8	2	33	19.5
High school (< 12 years)			30.3 (3.7)	22.6–37.7	0	45	30.4
University (≥ 12 years)			10.8 (2.3)	6.3–14.6	0	21	11
Economic status (%)	12	67 553					
Low			62.0 (4.9)	51.8–72.1	3.7	86	65
Moderate			10.0 (3.1)	3.6–16.2	3.4	25	9.4
High			28.0 (3.5)	21.4–35.6	23	44	27
Occupation (%)							
Housewife	12	85 431	54.0 (4.7)	43.8–63.5	2	79	55
Unemployed	18	17 361	21.5 (2.1)	16.7–25.6	15.7	39	20
Student	18	17 361	24.5 (3.3)	18.1–31.3	5.2	43	25

[a]Never married.

SD = standard deviation; CI = confidence interval.