

Table 1 Distribution of the mothers by selected sociodemographic characteristics

Characteristic	No. of mothers	% (n = 1450)
<i>Mother's age (years)</i>		
< 25	318	21.9
25–	682	47.0
35–	324	22.3
≥ 45	126	8.7
<i>Educational level</i>		
Postgraduate	84	5.8
University	511	35.2
Secondary education	489	33.7
Basic education	192	13.2
Read and write	65	4.5
Illiterate	109	7.5
<i>Occupation</i>		
Health care worker	149	10.3
Other job	235	16.2
Housewife	1066	73.5
<i>Socioeconomic status^a</i>		
High	444	30.6
Middle	637	43.9
Low	369	25.4
<i>Type of family</i>		
Nuclear family	677	46.7
Extended family	773	53.3
<i>No. of children ≤ 12 years</i>		
1	703	48.5
2	385	26.6
3	362	25.0

^aModified from Fahmy & Elsherbini [10].