

Table 2 Characteristics of women (*n* = 2519) and their exposure to any form of spousal violence, Alexandria Governorate, 2010

Characteristic	Ever exposed to violence (%)	<i>P</i> -value ^a
Age (years)		
< 25	73.9	0.04
25–	79.0	
35–	78.9	
≥ 45	72.9	
Education		
Illiterate/read and write	80.4	0.01
Primary/preparatory	78.3	
Secondary/diploma	78.1	
University/postgraduate	65.1	
Occupation		
Housewife	78.2	< 0.01
Manual worker	83.9	
Employed in service sector	72.5	
Professional	64.5	
Marital status		
Married	76.3	< 0.01
Divorced/separated	95.7	
Widowed	65.6	
Age at marriage (years)		
< 20	80.0	0.01
20–	78.7	
25–	71.1	
≥ 30	71.8	
Duration of marriage (years)		
< 5	73.7	0.03
5–	80.3	
10–	78.8	
≥ 20	75.1	
Family size		
1–3	72.4	< 0.01
4–5	78.4	
≥ 6	79.6	
Monthly family income (Egyptian pounds)		
< 400–	79.2	< 0.01
≥ 900	70.7	
History of exposure to severe physical violence since age 15 years		
Yes	88.4	0.01
No	69.0	
Educational difference		
Same level	76.1	0.02
Husband higher education than wife	76.4	
Wife higher education than husband	81.1	

^aChi-squared test significant at *P* < 0.05.