

**Table 1 Characteristics of the study group of school students and prevalence of dental sealant use (concluded)**

Variable	No. of students	%	Prevalence of sealant use %	$\chi^2$ -value	P-value
<b><i>Girls' school region</i></b>				21.5	< 0.001
Southwest	261	39.0	2.3		
Southeast	130	19.4	1.4		
Centre	148	22.1	4.6		
North	130	19.4	11.2		
<b><i>School district SES</i></b>				36.8	< 0.001
Low	644	38.6	6.1		
Medium	446	26.7	21.6		
High	578	34.7	72.3		

*Note: totals do not add up to 1666 because of missing data.*

*SES = socioeconomic status; SR = Saudi riyals.*