

**Table 2 Demographic characteristics of participants in the study of noncommunicable disease risk factors according to urbanization level, Islamic Republic of Iran, 2011**

Characteristic	Urbanization level			Total
	Low	Medium	High	
<i>Participants, no. (%)</i>	2025 (20.1)	4071 (40.4)	3973 (39.5)	10 069
<i>Mean (SD) age (years)</i>	42.70 (15.57)	43.03 (15.18)	43.14 (15.38)	43.00 (15.34)
<i>Age range (years)</i>	20-70	20-70	20-70	20-70
<i>Sex, no. (%)*</i>				
Male	786 (38.8)	1712 (42.1)	1637 (41.2)	4135 (41.1)
Female	1239 (61.2)	2359 (57.9)	2335 (58.8)	5933 (58.9)
<i>Education status, no.(%)</i>				
Illiterate	722 (35.7)	1060 (26)	801 (20.2)	2583 (25.7)
Elementary	387 (19.1)	884 (21.7)	923 (23.2)	2194 (21.8)
Junior high school	270 (13.3)	663 (16.3)	583 (14.7)	1516 (15.1)
Diploma	406 (20.0)	928 (22.8)	960 (24.2)	2294 (22.8)
Higher education	237 (11.7)	535 (13.1)	701 (17.6)	1473 (14.6)
<i>Work status, no. (%)*</i>				
Public sector employee	92 (4.5)	257 (6.3)	271 (6.8)	620 (6.2)
Private sector employee	93 (4.6)	265 (6.5)	296 (7.5)	654 (6.5)
Employed, self-employed	412 (20.3)	819 (20.1)	688 (17.3)	1919 (19.1)
Student, soldier	129 (6.4)	237 (5.8)	292 (7.3)	658 (6.5)
Housewife, retired, unpaid work, unemployed, disabled	1275 (63.0)	2490 (61.2)	2415 (60.8)	6180 (61.4)

Values are expressed as mean and standard deviation (SD) for normally distributed data and % for non-normally distribute data.

\*Significance defined as  $P < 0.05$ .