

Table 1 Frequency distribution of demographic and socioeconomic characteristics among adults aged 25–70 years five cities in Afghanistan, 2015

Category	City																	
	Jalalabad (n = 1200)			Mazar-e-Sharif (n = 1231)			Hirat (n = 1129)			Kandahar (n = 1165)			Kabul (n = 1172)			Total (n = 5897)		
	No.	U %	W %	No.	U %	W %	No.	U %	W %	No.	U %	W %	No.	U %	W %	No.	U %	W %
<b>Age (years)</b>																		
25–34	459	41.7	32.4	560	45.5	35.3	399	35.3	26.0	520	44.6	35.4	592	50.5	41.0	2526	43.6	34.0
35–44	286	26.0	26.7	283	23.0	21.8	288	25.5	23.3	323	27.7	27.4	289	24.7	24.6	1494	25.8	24.7
45–54	212	19.3	22.5	188	15.3	17.6	220	19.5	21.7	188	16.1	19.4	165	14.1	17.1	970	16.7	19.6
55+	144	13.1	18.4	200	16.2	25.2	222	19.7	29.0	134	11.5	17.8	126	10.8	17.3	810	14.0	21.7
Female	731	60.9	54.7	664	53.9	48.6	594	52.6	46.9	597	51.2	47.3	599	51.1	46.7	3185	54.0	48.8
Male	469	39.1	45.3	567	46.1	51.4	535	47.7	53.1	568	48.8	52.7	573	48.9	53.3	2712	46.0	51.2
<b>Level of education</b>																		
Illiterate	790	66.8	69.5	730	59.3	59.8	607	54.0	55.0	840	73.2	73.1	575	49.6	51.8	3607	62.1	61.7
Primary/unofficial	165	13.9	12.7	270	21.9	22.3	380	33.8	33.9	164	14.3	14.6	202	17.4	18.3	1158	19.9	20.6
Secondary	163	13.8	12.4	110	9.7	9.7	73	6.5	5.7	72	6.3	6.2	226	19.5	19.7	629	10.8	10.6
High school+	65	5.5	5.4	111	9.0	8.2	64	5.7	5.4	72	6.3	6.2	118	10.2	10.1	418	7.2	7.1
<b>Job</b>																		
Official employee	110	9.2	10.2	126	10.2	10.5	100	10.2	9.7	125	13.8	13.6	173	14.8	14.6	634	11.6	11.7
Student	79	6.6	7.6	36	2.9	2.3	89	9.1	9.8	110	12.1	12.8	17	1.5	1.2	331	6	6.3
Private business	224	18.7	20.3	128	10.4	10.8	184	18.8	20.7	130	14.3	15.6	55	4.7	5.2	721	13.2	14.2
Worker/ farmer	646	54.1	47.6	390	31.4	36.9	51	5.2	6.0	92	10.2	11	77	6.6	7.2	1056	19.3	18
Jobless	81	6.8	9.4	69	5.6	6.0	461	47.1	41.5	414	45.7	41.7	61	5.2	5.7	1086	19.8	19.2
Housework	0	0.0	0.0	578	47.0	42.1	93	9.5	12.4	35	3.9	5.2	368	31.6	28.5	1074	19.6	19
Unable to work/ DKN	55	4.6	4.8	104	8.4	11.5	0	–	–	0	–	–	415	35.6	37.6	574	10.5	11.6
<b>Monthly income (AFN)</b>																		
< 10 000	708	89.3	89.1	886	78.3	78.7	454	82.7	82.8	40	42.1	39.8	16	7.6	7.0	2104	75.7	75.8
≥ 10 000	85	10.7	10.9	245	21.7	21.3	95.0	17.3	17.2	55	57.9	60.2	195	92.4	93.0	675	24.3	24.2
<b>Marital status</b>																		
Single	91	7.6	7.1	121	9.8	8.0	53	4.8	4.0	120	10.7	9.4	136	12.4	9.9	521	9.1	7.7
Married	1054	88.5	87.7	1030	83.7	84.5	964	87.6	87.5	922	82.1	79.5	897	82.1	78.4	4867	84.8	83.5
Widowed	46	3.9	4.2	79	6.4	7.4	83	7.5	8.5	75	6.7	7.1	54	4.9	5.9	337	5.9	6.7
Divorced	0	0.0	0.9	1	0.1	0.2	1	0.1	0.0	6	0.5	0.4	6	0.5	0.7	13	0.2	0.3

Due to missing values (responses) for some variables, the subtotals do not always reflect the total number of participants.

W = weighted; U = unweighted; BMI = body mass index; DKN = not know; AFN = Afghani.