

**Table 1 Sociodemographic and economic characteristics according to sex of school children (n = 3684).**

Characteristics	Girls n (%)	Boys n (%)	Total n (%)	P
<b>Place of residence</b>				0.293
Urban	1200 (51.97)	1309 (48.03)	2309 (62.70)	
Rural	690 (50.18)	685 (49.82)	1375 (37.30)	
<b>Age groups (years)</b>				0.479
5–9	872 (52.28)	796 (47.72)	1668 (45.3)	
10–12	841 (50.78)	815 (49.22)	1656 (45.0)	
≥ 13	177 (49.17)	183 (50.83)	360 (9.80)	
<b>Father's occupation</b>				0.692
Employed	610 (50.83)	590 (49.17)	1200 (32.60)	
Unemployed	1280 (50.12)	1204 (49.88)	2484 (67.40)	
<b>Ethnicity</b>				0.043
Arab	659 (53.66)	569 (44.75)	1228 (33.30)	
Amazigh	1231 (50.12)	1225 (49.88)	2456 (66.70)	
<b>Type of family</b>				0.484
Nuclear	1550 (51.04)	1487 (48.96)	3037 (82.40)	
Joint	340 (52.55)	307 (47.45)	647 (17.60)	
<b>Family size</b>				0.651
3 or 4	306 (53.03)	271 (46.97)	577 (15.70)	
5 or 6	928 (51.13)	887 (48.87)	1815 (49.30)	
≥ 7	656 (50.77)	636 (49.23)	1292 (35.10)	
<b>School time</b>				0.017
Morning	140 (44.36)	177 (55.64)	317 (8.60)	
Afternoon	241 (54.28)	205 (45.72)	444 (12.10)	
Full time	1509 (51.62)	1414 (48.38)	2923 (79.30)	
<b>Maternal education</b>				0.245
University	122 (45.35)	147 (54.65)	269 (7.30)	
Secondary	339 (51.75)	316 (48.25)	655 (17.80)	
Primary	696 (51.98)	643 (48.02)	1339 (36.30)	
Illiterate	733 (51.58)	688 (48.42)	1421 (38.60)	
<b>Paternal education</b>				0.250
University	377 (48.77)	396 (51.23)	773 (21.00)	
Secondary	498 (50.82)	482 (49.18)	980 (26.60)	
Primary	600 (53.42)	523 (46.58)	1123 (30.50)	
Illiterate	415 (51.36)	393 (48.64)	808 (21.90)	
<b>MFI (MAD)</b>				0.072
High (≥ 5000)	290 (47.54)	320 (52.46)	610 (16.60)	
Medium (2001–4999 )	1255 (51.56)	1179 (48.44)	2434 (66.10)	
Low (≤ 2000)	345 (53.91)	295 (46.09)	640 (17.40)	

MAD = Moroccan dirham; 1 US\$ = 9.38 MAD; MFI = median family income.