**Table 1. Sociodemographic characteristics of study participants, Basra, Iraq, 2023**

| Variables | Frequency (n = 400) | Percentage |
|---|---|---|
| **Age (years)** | | |
| 15–19 | 240 | 60.0 |
| 20–24 | 110 | 27.5 |
| ≥25 | 50 | 12.5 |
| 19.74± 3.7866 (Mean ± Standard Deviation) | | |
| **Marital status** | | |
| Married | 392 | 98.0 |
| Widowed/divorced | 8 | 2.0 |
| **Parity or gravidity** | | |
| Delivered | 207 | 51.7 |
| Pregnant | 193 | 48.3 |
| **Trimester of pregnancy** | | |
| T1 | 36 | 18.7 |
| T2 | 100 | 51.8 |
| T3 | 57 | 29.5 |
| **Age of baby** | | |
| <6 months | 174 | 84.1 |
| ≥6 months | 33 | 15.9 |
| **Sex of baby or foetus** | | |
| Known*Female | 185 | 46.3 |
| Known*Male | 151 | 37.7 |
| Unknown | 64 | 16.0 |
| **Education level** | | |
| Illiterate | 10 | 2.5 |
| Reads and writes | 29 | 7.2 |
| Primary school | 189 | 47.3 |
| Secondary school | 136 | 34.0 |
| Higher education | 36 | 9.0 |
| **Job** | | |
| Unemployed | 357 | 89.3 |
| Employed | 43 | 10.7 |
| **Family monthly income** | | |
| < IQD 500 000* | 304 | 76.0 |
| IQD 500 000–1 000 000* | 79 | 19.7 |
| > IQD 1 000 000* | 17 | 4.3 |
| **Living status** | | |
| Own family | 28 | 7.0 |
| Extended family | 372 | 93.0 |

*1 USD = 1310.40 IQD