

**Table 1 Demographic characteristics of the mothers**

<b>Demographic characteristic</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<i>Region (n = 4872)</i>		
Central	1239	25.4
North	1008	20.7
South	566	11.6
East	1240	25.5
West	819	16.8
<i>Nationality (n = 4811)</i>		
Saudi	3922	81.5
Non-Saudi	889	18.5
<i>Education (n = 4802)</i>		
Illiterate	1111	23.1
Primary School	1473	30.7
High School	1387	28.9
University	831	17.3
<i>Age (years) (n = 4827)</i>		
< 20	401	8.3
20–30	2498	51.7
30.1–40	1650	34.2
> 40	278	5.8
<i>Employment status (n = 4812)</i>		
Housewife or unemployed	3499	72.7
Student or employed	1313	27.3
<i>Type of family (n = 4805)</i>		
Nuclear family	3382	70.4
Extended family	1191	24.8
Other	232	4.8

*Data were missing for some women in certain categories.*