

Table 1 Distribution of adolescents who were aware of puberty changes before reaching the age of puberty by sociodemographic characteristics and sex

Characteristic	Boys (%)	Girls (%)	Total (n = 3114) (%)
<i>Age (years)</i>			
<16	71.86	83.74	79.27
16–	78.09	81.15	79.81
17–	75.78	75.27	75.51
18–	72.94	77.09	75.03
19 and above	73.10	75.16	73.90
Likelihood χ^2	3.48	10.513*	9.59*
<i>Secondary school grade</i>			
First	72.83	80.63	76.83
Second	76.61	77.49	77.04
Third	74.84	76.73	75.90
Likelihood $\chi^{2\Omega}$	2.88	3.46	0.52
<i>Region^a</i>			
Muscat	71.53	77.41	74.59
Dhofar	77.38	80.65	79.29
Ad Dakhliya	82.42	72.98	77.84
North Ash Sharqiyah	78.82	85.49	82.56
South Ash Sharqiyah	78.94	76.07	77.54
North Al Batinah	73.04	82.61	78.14
South Al Batinah	73.04	75.53	74.42
Adh Dhahira	67.05	77.90	71.61
Musandam	68.70	72.19	70.20
Likelihood $\chi^{2\Omega}$	20.25*	13.51	15.02
<i>Mother's education</i>			
Illiterate	73.78	77.36	75.55
Read & write	77.29	79.52	78.58
Primary/preparatory	74.29	83.07	79.11
Secondary and above	81.70	78.91	80.28
Don't know	70.95	64.79	68.31
Likelihood $\chi^{2\Omega}$	4.76	11.48*	10.47*
<i>Father's education</i>			
Illiterate	74.62	73.83	74.24
Read & write	74.67	80.73	78.01
Primary/preparatory	72.78	78.62	75.72
Secondary and above	79.23	83.51	81.42
Don't know	71.56	70.74	71.14
Likelihood $\chi^{2\Omega}$	3.77	13.63*	14.08*
Total	74.70	78.46	76.64

*P < 0.05.

^aAl Wusta was not included due to the low population density and difficulty in accessing it.