

Table 2 Distribution of adolescents agreeing that teenage marriage has its problems by sociodemographic characteristic and sex

Characteristic	Boys (%)	Girls (%)	Total (n = 3114) (%)
<i>Age (years)</i>			
<16	72.50	80.73	77.61
16-	78.34	81.07	79.86
17-	69.41	80.79	75.38
18-	70.50	87.40	79.02
19 and above	73.84	81.03	76.61
Likelihood χ^2	9.16	11.09*	5.27
<i>Secondary school grade</i>			
First	73.87	80.78	77.37
Second	72.38	81.68	76.90
Third	69.59	85.18	78.33
Likelihood χ^2	1.52	7.62*	2.04
<i>Region^a</i>			
Muscat	78.95	80.18	79.58
Dhofar	77.62	83.44	81.02
Ad Dakhliya	70.24	82.29	76.13
North Ash Sharqiyah	74.41	75.07	74.78
South Ash Sharqiyah	74.82	79.19	76.97
North Al Batinah	70.98	88.08	79.98
South Al Batinah	66.76	85.39	77.02
Adh Dhahira	66.82	78.04	71.48
Musandam	64.46	73.04	68.32
Likelihood χ^2	13.68	17.32*	14.54
<i>Mother's education</i>			
Illiterate	71.71	82.35	76.95
Read & write	70.36	80.30	76.13
Primary/preparatory	73.75	83.95	79.36
Secondary and above	78.43	86.20	82.31
Don't know	70.13	78.60	73.79
Likelihood χ^2	2.19	4.23	6.35
<i>Father's education</i>			
Illiterate	71.00	81.10	75.82
Read & write	71.06	80.98	76.53
Primary/preparatory	72.27	87.02	79.68
Secondary and above	75.86	82.40	79.18
Don't know	73.36	79.85	76.72
Likelihood χ^2	1.40	9.01	4.42
Total	72.26	82.40	77.48

*P < 0.05.

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