## Relationship Context of First Births to Men and Women in the United States Gladys Martinez, Anjani Chandra, and Stephanie Ventura CDC, National Center for Health Statistics

In the last three decades there has been a dramatic increase in nonmarital births. In 1980, 18 percent of all births were to unmarried women compared to 35 percent of all births in 2003 (Martin, et al., 2005). A large body of research has found that children who spend part of their childhood in single parent households are disadvantaged on a variety of educational, economic, social, and health outcomes (Manning and Brown, 2006; Martin, et al., 2005; Wu and Wolfe, 2001; Ventura and Bachrach, 2000; Seltzer, 2000; Aquilino, 1996; Ventura et al., 1995). As a result reducing nonmarital childbearing is one of the goals of the welfare reform legislation, as well as national public health initiatives such as Healthy People 2010. But not all births born to unmarried women occur to women living alone. As the proportion of men and women who have ever lived in cohabiting union increases, we see an increase in births that occur within cohabiting unions. Children born into cohabiting unions may have better outcomes than children born outside of a union because they and their parents potentially have access to more financial and social-network resources. This paper compares the characteristics of men and women by the relationship context of their first births: within a marriage, a cohabiting union, or outside of a union. In addition, given race differences in nonmarital childbearing we examine differences in relationship context of first births by Hispanic origin and race.

## **Data and Methods**

The data for this analysis come from Cycle 6 of the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG), conducted in 2002. The NSFG is based on multistage probability samples of the household population in the United States, and consists of in-person interviews on a wide array of topics related to fertility, family formation, and reproductive health (Chandra et al., 2005;

Martinez, et al., 2006). Cycle 6 of the NSFG included 12,571 men and women 15-44 years of age (independent samples, not couples). The NSFG response rate was 79 percent. Among these 1731 men and 4413 women had at least one live birth at the time of interview and comprise the sample for the current analysis.

Given the higher likelihood of a future nonmarital birth among those with premarital first births, we focus on the relationship context at the time of men's and women's first births. We analyze patterns by Hispanic origin and race and other demographic and social characteristics. The outcome variable for women is based on a recoded variable called RMAROUT6 provided on the public use pregnancy file, and has been collapsed as:

Currently or formerly married at time of birth

Cohabiting at time of birth

Never married, not cohabiting at time of birth (i.e., "outside a union") The numbers of women (and men) who were "formerly married" at the time of their first births were far too small to analyze separately. They were included with the larger group who were married at their first births in order to have the "nonmarital" group reflect births that occurred premaritally. The male NSFG data do not include a recode analogous to RMAROUT6, but it is possible to define a variable comparable to the one just described for females.

Independent variables examined with regard to marital and cohabiting status at first birth include: Age and year of first birth, parental living arrangements (of respondent) at age 14, whether respondent's own biological parents were married at respondent's birth, importance of religion, educational attainment, percent of poverty level for respondent's household, whether respondent was born outside the U.S., race and Hispanic origin, metropolitan residence (a more detailed version than available on the public use file variable), percent of single-mother

households at the county level (contextual variable not available on the public use files), and attitudinal items related to cohabitation, marriage, and nonmarital fertility .

Below we discuss some of our preliminary bivariate results, which will inform our multivariate analyses to be included in the full paper. We will conduct multinomial logistic regressions using all 3 categories of marital and cohabiting status to assess the net effects of the demographic and social characteristics on the odds of having a premarital first birth within a cohabiting union or outside of a union. We will examine separate and combined models by gender and Hispanic origin and race to assess what factors are most strongly associated with relationship context of first births.

## **Preliminary Analyses**

Table 1 shows the percent distribution of first births to women by marital and cohabitation status, according to various characteristics of the woman, and table 2 shows similar information for first births to men. For both men and women, roughly two-thirds of first births occurred within marriage, but a somewhat larger percentage occurred within cohabiting unions for men than for women (18.2 compared with 12.4 percent). Having a premarital first birth, either within a cohabiting union or outside a in a non-residential union, was more prevalent among those who were younger at first birth, did not live in 2-parent households at age 14, have lower levels of education and income (at interview), and are Hispanic or non-Hispanic black. The strongest bivariate associations are seen with age at first birth and socioeconomic indicators such as income and education.

Table 3 and 4 look at the profiles of men and women who had a marital first birth compared to those who had a first birth within a cohabiting union and those who had a first birth outside a union. In addition, we look at these profiles by Hispanic origin and race. For the most

part, these mirror the bivariate associations shown in tables 1 and 2, but provide additional perspective on the composition of men and women who have premarital first births. Among those having a premarital birth outside of cohabitation, a higher proportion of women were under 20 years of age than were men (60.3% compared with 35.2%). This gender differential was seen across all race and Hispanic origin groups. With regard to importance of religion in one's daily life, overall those who had a marital first birth were generally more likely to have reported religion was "very important" than were those who had a premarital first birth, but there was significant variations by gender and race in the levels who reported religion as "very important" in every relationship category. For example, 56.5% of women with a marital first birth reported religion as "very important in their daily lives," compared with 44.0% of men. Among those who had a first birth outside a union, non-Hispanic black men and women were more likely to report that religion was "very important" (63.5% and 73.3%, respectively) compared to non-Hispanic whites (42.9% and 39.0%, respectively) and Hispanics (46.1% and 50.6%, respectively).

Table 5 describes men' and women's attitudes toward marriage, cohabitation, and nonmarital childbearing by the relationship context of their first birth. Although adults are more tolerant towards nonmarital childbearing than in the past (Seltzer, 2000), we wanted to see if men and women who have nonmarital first births have different attitudes about marriage and childbearing than those who had marital first births. Among the attitude items presented in table 5, only one showed a significant association with relationship context of first births, and this association was stronger among women than men. Over half of women (52.3%) who strongly agreed with the statement "It is okay for an unmarried female to have a child" had a premarital first birth, with 17.2% occurring within a cohabiting relationship. Among men, the distinguishing category was not "strongly agree" but rather "strongly disagree." Those who

strongly disagreed with the statement were less likely to have premarital first birth than those in

any of the other response groups (19% compared with 35-35%).

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Table 1. Number of women who had one or more births and percent distribution of marital status at first birth: United States, 2002.

|                                |                   |       | Marital      | Premarital first birth |             |                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|
|                                | Number in         |       | first        |                        |             | outside a      |
| Characteristics                | thousands         | Total | births/1     | Subtotal               | Cohabiting  | union          |
| All Woman with children        | 25.029            | 100   | 62.2         | 27.7                   | 12.4        | 25.2           |
| All Wollien with children      | 55,850            | 100   | 02.5         | 57.7                   | 12.4        | 20.0           |
| Age at first birth             |                   |       |              |                        |             |                |
| younger than 20                | 11.053            | 100   | 30.7         | 60.3                   | 10 7        | /07            |
| under 18                       | 5 069             | 100   | 21.9         | 78.1                   | 18.5        | 59.7           |
| 18-19                          | 5 984             | 100   | 38.1         | 61.9                   | 20.7        | 41.2           |
| 20-24 year olds                | 12 280            | 100   | 65.1         | 34.9                   | 13 /        | 21.6           |
| 25-29 year olds                | 8 030             | 100   | 85.2         | 14.8                   | 53          | 21.0           |
| 30-44 year olds                | 0,039             | 100   | 00.2         | 0.1                    | 3.5         | 9.5            |
|                                | 4,000             | 100   | 31.0         | 3.1                    | 4.0         | 4.5            |
| Birth year                     |                   |       |              |                        |             |                |
| Before 1985                    | 7 733             | 100   | 50 1         | 10.9                   | 9.2         | 31.7           |
| 1985-1989                      | 6 587             | 100   | 66.7         | 33.3                   | 0.2         | 24.0           |
| 1900-1906                      | 11 061            | 100   | 61.8         | 38.2                   | 9.5<br>13.4 | 24.0           |
| 1990-1990                      | 0.659             | 100   | 62.5         | 37.6                   | 15.4        | 24.0           |
|                                | 9,000             | 100   | 02.5         | 57.0                   | 10.0        | 21.0           |
|                                |                   |       |              |                        |             |                |
| Living arrangement at age 14   |                   |       |              | <b>.</b>               | <b>_</b> _  | <b>-</b> · · - |
| Lived with both parents        | 25,468            | 100   | 68.8         | 31.2                   | 9.7         | 21.5           |
| Other                          | 10,471            | 100   | 46.4         | 53.6                   | 19.0        | 34.6           |
|                                |                   |       |              |                        |             |                |
| Responden's parents married    | at birth          | 100   |              |                        |             |                |
| Yes                            | 31,181            | 100   | 66.8         | 33.2                   | 11.0        | 22.2           |
| No                             | 4,492             | 100   | 30.9         | 69.2                   | 21.5        | 47.6           |
| have and an experimental and   |                   |       |              |                        |             |                |
| Importance of religion         | 40.700            | 400   | 01.0         |                        | 10.0        | 05.0           |
|                                | 19,733            | 100   | 64.0         | 36.0                   | 10.8        | 25.3           |
| Somewhat Important             | 10,479            | 100   | 64.4         | 35.6                   | 11.2        | 24.4           |
| Not Important                  | 5,656             | 100   | 52.4         | 47.6                   | 20.5        | 27.1           |
| Education                      |                   |       |              |                        |             |                |
| Loop then high appeal          | E 100             | 100   | 20.0         | 61.0                   | 22.0        | 20.2           |
| Less than high school          | 5,120             | 100   | 30.0         | 01.2                   | 22.0        | 39.2           |
|                                | 11,047            | 100   | 57.0         | 42.4                   | 13.0        | 20.0           |
|                                | 10,202            | 100   | 09.9         | 30.1                   | 9.1         | 21.1           |
| DA+                            | 7,252             | 100   | 00.3         | 13.7                   | 4.4         | 9.3            |
| Percent of neverty level       |                   |       |              |                        |             |                |
|                                | 11 504            | 100   | 111          | 55.0                   | 10 7        | 27.0           |
| 150,200%                       | 10,425            | 100   | 44.1<br>62.4 | 27.6                   | 12.0        | 22.7           |
| 300                            | 10,423            | 100   | 02.4         | 19.0                   | 13.9        | 23.7           |
| 300+                           | 13,200            | 100   | 01.1         | 10.9                   | 4.0         | 14.1           |
| Foreign born                   |                   |       |              |                        |             |                |
| Yes                            | 5 822             | 100   | 66.4         | 33.6                   | 15 1        | 18 5           |
| No                             | 30.040            | 100   | 61.6         | 38.4                   | 11 9        | 26.6           |
|                                | 00,040            | 100   | 01.0         |                        | 11.9        | 20.0           |
| Metro                          |                   |       |              |                        |             |                |
| CC-12 MSA                      | 4 820             | 100   | 47.3         | 52.8                   | 17 7        | 35.0           |
| CC-other MSA                   | 7 524             | 100   | 54.4         | 45.6                   | 14.5        | 31.1           |
| Suburb-12 MSAS                 | 8 044             | 100   | 70.9         | 29.1                   | 9.8         | 19.3           |
| Suburb-other MSA               | 9.069             | 100   | 66.8         | 33.2                   | 10.9        | 22.3           |
| Nonmetro                       | 6 482             | 100   | 65.5         | 34.5                   | 11.2        | 23.3           |
|                                | 0,102             |       | 50.0         | 01.0                   | 11.2        | 20.0           |
| Percent of single parent house | eholds (countv le | evel) |              |                        |             |                |
| 1st quartile                   | 5.286             | 100   | 72.5         | 27.6                   | 9.7         | 17.9           |

| 2nd quartile   | 12,674 | 100 | 66.0 | 34.0 | 12.6 | 21.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------|-----|------|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 3rd quartile   | 6,317  | 100 | 60.2 | 39.8 | 12.3 | 27.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4th quartile   | 10,721 | 100 | 54.9 | 45.1 | 13.1 | 32.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |        |     |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hispanic origin and race   |        |     |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hispanic   | 6,159  | 100 | 53.6 | 46.4 | 22.4 | 24.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Hispanic   |        |     |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Hispanic white   | 22,568 | 100 | 73.9 | 26.1 | 9.2  | 16.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Hispanic black 5,428 100 23.5 76.5 14.6 61.                  |        |     |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1/ Marital births also include births to formerly married women. |        |     |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|                            |                     |       |                           | Premarital  | first birth |                    |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Characteristics            | Number in thousands | Total | Marital first<br>births/1 | Subtotal    | Cohabiting  | outside<br>a union |
| All men with children      | 28 554              | 100   | 66.2                      | 33.8        | 18.2        | 15                 |
| Ago of first hirth         | 20,004              | 100   | 00.2                      | 33.0        | 10.2        | 10.                |
| Age at first birtin        |                     |       |                           |             |             |                    |
| younger man 20             | 4,374               | 100   | 37.7                      | 62.3        | 26.3        | 36.                |
|                            | 1,227               | 100   | 36.0                      | 64.0        | 23.2        | 40.8               |
| 18-19<br>20.04 year alda   | 3,147               | 100   | 38.4                      | 61.6        | 27.6        | 34.                |
| 20-24 year olds            | 10,113              | 100   | 52.2                      | 47.8        | 27.1        | 20.                |
| 25-29 year olds            | 8,162               | 100   | 81.9                      | 18.1        | 11.4        | 6.                 |
| 30-44 year olds            | 5,905               | 100   | 89.6                      | 10.5        | 6.2         | 4.2                |
| Birth year                 |                     |       |                           |             |             |                    |
| Before 1985                | 4 187               | 100   | 55.8                      | 44 2        | 19.0        | 25 :               |
| 1985-1989                  | 5 442               | 100   | 66.6                      | 33.4        | 16.7        | 16                 |
| 1990-1996                  | 9 224               | 100   | 69.0                      | 31.1        | 17.4        | 13.                |
| 1997 or later              | 9,701               | 100   | 67.9                      | 32.2        | 19.4        | 12.8               |
| Living arrangement         |                     |       |                           |             |             |                    |
| Living an angement         |                     |       |                           |             |             |                    |
| Othor                      | 21,189              | 100   | 69.0                      | 31.1        | 17.0        | 14.1               |
| Other                      | 7,365               | 100   | 58.2                      | 41.8        | 21.6        | 20.2               |
| Respondent's parents marri | ed at birth         |       |                           |             |             |                    |
| Yes                        | 25,537              | 100   | 68.8                      | 31.2        | 17.5        | 13.8               |
| No                         | 2,877               | 100   | 43.4                      | 56.6        | 24.3        | 32.3               |
| Importance of religion     |                     |       |                           |             |             |                    |
|                            |                     |       |                           |             |             |                    |
| Somewhat important         | 12,959              | 100   | 64.1                      | 35.9        | 17.7        | 18.2               |
| Not important              | 8,856               | 100   | 71.5                      | 28.5        | 16.6        | 11.9               |
|                            | 6,725               | 100   | 63.1                      | 36.9        | 21.3        | 15.0               |
| Education                  |                     |       |                           |             |             |                    |
| Less than high school      | 4.661               | 100   | 47.2                      | 52.8        | 33.9        | 18.9               |
| High school                | 10.735              | 100   | 62.0                      | 38.0        | 21.6        | 16.4               |
| Some college               | 6,798               | 100   | 71.4                      | 28.6        | 12.0        | 16.                |
| BA+                        | 5,685               | 100   | 90.0                      | 10.0        | 4.3         | 5.                 |
| Percent of poverty level   |                     |       |                           |             |             |                    |
| 0-149%                     | 7 157               | 100   | 10.0                      | <b>51 0</b> | 21 /        | 20.4               |
|                            | 7,107               | 100   | 40.3                      | 51.6        | 31.4        | 20.,               |
| 150-299%                   | 0 500               | 100   | 65.0                      | 25 0        | 10.0        | 15                 |

| Foreign born                       |                     |            |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|
| Yes                                | 5,180               | 100        | 61.4 | 38.6 | 26.1 | 12.5 |
| No                                 | 23,318              | 100        | 67.3 | 32.7 | 16.4 | 16.3 |
|                                    |                     |            |      |      |      |      |
| Metro                              |                     |            |      |      |      |      |
| CC-12 MSA                          | 3,781               | 100        | 58.3 | 41.7 | 23.3 | 18.4 |
| CC-other MSA                       | 5,598               | 100        | 63.7 | 36.3 | 16.0 | 20.2 |
| Suburb-12 MSAS                     | 6,467               | 100        | 63.7 | 36.3 | 20.9 | 15.4 |
| Suburb-other MSA                   | 6,599               | 100        | 72.6 | 27.4 | 15.1 | 12.3 |
| Nonmetro                           | 6,108               | 100        | 69.0 | 31.0 | 17.4 | 13.6 |
|                                    |                     |            |      |      |      |      |
| Percent of single parent hous      | seholds (county le  | evel)      |      |      |      |      |
| 1st quartile                       | 8,731               | 100        | 77.0 | 23.0 | 12.9 | 10.1 |
| 2nd quartile                       | 7,245               | 100        | 70.1 | 29.9 | 16.4 | 13.6 |
| 3rd quartile                       | 6,072               | 100        | 59.6 | 40.4 | 21.2 | 19.3 |
| 4th quartile                       | 5,112               | 100        | 53.1 | 46.9 | 24.0 | 22.8 |
|                                    |                     |            |      |      |      |      |
| Hispanic origin and race           |                     |            |      |      |      |      |
| Hispanic                           | 5,652               | 100        | 51.7 | 48.4 | 32.1 | 16.2 |
| Non-Hispanic                       |                     |            |      |      |      |      |
| Non-Hispanic white                 | 17,703              | 100        | 77.2 | 22.8 | 12.1 | 10.7 |
| Non-Hispanic black                 | 3,545               | 100        | 36.4 | 63.7 | 25.0 | 38.7 |
| 1/ Marital births also include bir | ths to formerly mai | rried men. |      | h    | I    |      |

| Table 3 Profile of marital sta | atus at first | birth for won | nen 15-44 ye | ears of age, I        | by Hispanic orig | in and rac | e: United States   | s, 2002. |        |                    |          |       |                    |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------|----------|--------|--------------------|----------|-------|--------------------|--|
|                                |               |               | Total        |                       |                  | NH White   |                    |          | NH Bla | ck                 | Hispanic |       |                    |  |
| Characteristics                | Total         | Marital       | Cohab        | outside<br>a<br>union | Marital          | Cohab      | outside a<br>union | Marital  | Cohab  | outside a<br>union | Marital  | Cohab | outside a<br>union |  |
|                                |               |               |              |                       |                  |            |                    |          |        |                    |          |       |                    |  |
| All Women with children        | 25 029        | 22 291        | 4 450        | 0 107                 | 16 695           | 2 095      | 2 707              | 1 275    | 705    | 2 250              | 1 1 1 0  | 100   | 475                |  |
| (Nulliber)                     | 55,950        | 22,301        | 4,450        | 9,107                 | 10,005           | 2,005      | 5,797              | 1,275    | 795    | 5,559              | 1,119    | 190   | 475                |  |
| Age at first birth             | 100%          | 100%          | 100%         | 100%                  | 100%             | 100%       | 100%               | 100%     | 100%   | 100%               | 100%     | 100%  | 100%               |  |
| vounger than 20                | 30.8          | 15.1          | 48.8         | 60.3                  | 13.2             | 44.9       | 53.6               | 12.8     | 44.8   | 66.2               | 13.1     | 49.6  | 54.9               |  |
| under 18                       | 14.1          | 5.0           | 21.0         | 33.2                  | 3.6              | 17.3       | 28.2               | 2.8      | 11.1   | 36.7               | 4.7      | 24.7  | 40.8               |  |
| 18-19                          | 16.7          | 10.2          | 27.8         | 27.1                  | 9.6              | 27.6       | 25.4               | 10.0     | 33.7   | 29.5               | 8.4      | 24.9  | 14.1               |  |
| 20-24 year olds                | 34.2          | 35.7          | 36.9         | 29.1                  | 33.6             | 39.9       | 33.3               | 46.0     | 42.9   | 24.8               | 36.8     | 29.2  | 36.5               |  |
| 25-29 year olds                | 22.4          | 30.6          | 9.6          | 8.4                   | 32.5             | 9.7        | 10.7               | 25.2     | 9.6    | 6.7                | 34.2     | 16.4  | 4.8                |  |
| 30-44 year olds                | 12.7          | 18.5          | 4.7          | 2.2                   | 20.7             | 5.5        | 2.3                | 16.0     | 2.6    | 2.3                | 16.0     | 4.8   | 3.8                |  |
|                                |               |               |              |                       |                  |            |                    |          |        |                    |          |       |                    |  |
| Birth year                     | 100%          | 100%          | 100%         | 100%                  | 100%             | 100%       | 100%               | 100%     | 100%   | 100%               | 100%     | 100%  | 100%               |  |
| Before 1985                    | 21.5          | 20.4          | 15.9         | 27.0                  | 20.3             | 14.3       | 24.8               | 25.6     | 18.3   | 32.9               | 16.8     | 1.2   | 21.3               |  |
| 1985-1989                      | 18.3          | 19.6          | 13.8         | 17.4                  | 20.7             | 11.5       | 18.8               | 21.3     | 19.5   | 16.6               | 11.0     | 17.0  | 10.9               |  |
| 1990-1996                      | 33.3          | 33.0          | 36.1         | 32.6                  | 32.6             | 38.9       | 33.6               | 23.1     | 32.2   | 30.8               | 35.3     | 49.7  | 42.4               |  |
| 1997 or later                  | 26.9          | 27.0          | 34.2         | 23.1                  | 26.4             | 35.3       | 22.8               | 30.1     | 30.0   | 19.8               | 36.8     | 32.1  | 25.4               |  |
|                                |               |               |              |                       | - 1              | 1          | T                  |          | -      | Г                  |          |       | T                  |  |
| Living arrangement at          | 100%          | 100%          | 100%         | 100%                  |                  |            |                    |          |        |                    |          |       |                    |  |
| age 14                         | 70.0          | 70.0          |              |                       | 100%             | 100%       | 100%               | 100%     | 100%   | 100%               | 100%     | 100%  | 100%               |  |
| Lived with both parents        | 70.9          | 78.3          | 55.3         | 60.2                  | 78.8             | 55.5       | 64.1               | 68.7     | 45.6   | 51.6               | 81.6     | 61.3  | 68.3               |  |
| Other                          | 29.1          | 21.7          | 44.7         | 39.8                  | 21.3             | 44.5       | 35.9               | 31.4     | 54.4   | 48.4               | 18.4     | 38.7  | 31.7               |  |
| Die menerate meenied et        |               | 1             | 1            |                       |                  | 1          |                    |          |        |                    |          |       |                    |  |
| R S parents married at         | 100%          | 100%          | 100%         | 100%                  | 100%             | 100%       | 100%               | 100%     | 100%   | 100%               | 100%     | 100%  | 100%               |  |
| Ves                            | 86.8          | 93.1          | 77.0         | 75.9                  | 95.8             | 87.2       | 90.2               | 76.4     | 56.0   | 60.1               | 96.2     | 82.5  | 82.3               |  |
| No                             | 12.5          | 62            | 21.7         | 23.5                  | 33.0             | 10.0       | 8.9                | 23.3     | 44.0   | 39.4               | 30.2     | 17.5  | 17.7               |  |
|                                | 12.0          | 0.2           | 21.1         | 20.0                  | 0.4              | 10.0       | 0.0                | 20.0     | 44.0   | 00.4               | 0.0      | 17.0  | 17.7               |  |
| Importance of religion         | 100%          | 100%          | 100%         | 100%                  | 100%             | 100%       | 100%               | 100%     | 100%   | 100%               | 100%     | 100%  | 100%               |  |
| Verv important                 | 55.0          | 56.5          | 47.7         | 54.9                  | 53.3             | 32.7       | 39.0               | 81.5     | 69.7   | 73.3               | 54.8     | 70.1  | 50.6               |  |
| Somewhat important             | 29.2          | 30.2          | 26.3         | 28.2                  | 32.8             | 30.7       | 40.2               | 12.4     | 18.0   | 13.7               | 27.7     | 4.8   | 23.9               |  |
| Not important                  | 15.8          | 13.3          | 26.0         | 16.9                  | 13.9             | 36.6       | 20.9               | 6.2      | 12.3   | 13.0               | 17.6     | 25.1  | 25.5               |  |
|                                |               |               |              |                       |                  |            | 1 1                |          |        |                    |          |       |                    |  |
| Education                      | 100%          | 100%          | 100%         | 100%                  | 100%             | 100%       | 100%               | 100%     | 100%   | 100%               | 100%     | 100%  | 100%               |  |
| Less than high school          | 15.0          | 9.0           | 28.4         | 24.6                  | 4.1              | 20.3       | 20.4               | 7.6      | 14.5   | 22.6               | 5.8      | 11.8  | 15.9               |  |
| High school                    | 34.0          | 30.4          | 40.4         | 40.8                  | 31.0             | 47.3       | 43.0               | 28.8     | 46.2   | 40.8               | 20.8     | 27.1  | 54.3               |  |
| Some college                   | 29.8          | 32.3          | 23.3         | 26.3                  | 34.3             | 24.0       | 28.0               | 37.8     | 29.8   | 27.5               | 21.6     | 37.3  | 22.9               |  |
| BA+                            | 21.2          | 28.4          | 7.9          | 8.3                   | 30.6             | 8.4        | 8.7                | 25.7     | 9.6    | 9.2                | 51.7     | 23.8  | 6.9                |  |
|                                |               |               |              |                       |                  |            |                    |          |        |                    |          |       |                    |  |

| Percent of poverty level | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 0-149%                   | 32.8 | 22.8 | 51.0 | 49.7 | 16.7 | 44.0 | 41.5 | 31.2 | 45.3 | 53.8 | 25.1 | 47.7 | 57.4 |
| 150-299%                 | 29.6 | 29.2 | 34.2 | 28.7 | 29.2 | 35.9 | 29.0 | 26.7 | 38.2 | 29.3 | 27.4 | 39.5 | 28.9 |
| 300+                     | 37.6 | 48.0 | 14.9 | 21.6 | 54.2 | 20.2 | 29.6 | 42.1 | 16.5 | 16.9 | 47.5 | 12.8 | 13.7 |
|                          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Foreign born             | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Yes                      | 16.2 | 17.3 | 19.8 | 11.9 | 4.7  | 2.5  | 1.4  | 19.0 | 2.4  | 6.4  | 71.7 | 29.5 | 29.0 |
| No                       | 83.8 | 82.7 | 80.3 | 88.1 | 95.3 | 97.5 | 98.6 | 81.0 | 97.6 | 93.6 | 28.4 | 70.5 | 71.0 |
|                          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Metro                    | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| CC-12 MSA                | 13.4 | 10.2 | 19.2 | 18.5 | 5.0  | 5.3  | 7.4  | 24.3 | 27.4 | 26.0 | 18.1 | 4.7  | 10.0 |
| CC-other MSA             | 20.9 | 18.3 | 24.4 | 25.7 | 16.6 | 23.0 | 20.1 | 27.1 | 35.4 | 33.8 | 25.6 | 21.6 | 18.4 |
| Suburb-12 MSAS           | 22.4 | 25.5 | 17.8 | 17.0 | 24.3 | 16.3 | 12.6 | 27.0 | 16.9 | 20.1 | 30.9 | 17.0 | 4.9  |
| Suburb-other MSA         | 25.2 | 27.1 | 22.3 | 22.2 | 31.6 | 34.2 | 33.0 | 12.5 | 9.6  | 13.5 | 12.6 | 25.5 | 23.9 |
| Nonmetro                 | 18.0 | 19.0 | 16.3 | 16.6 | 22.6 | 21.3 | 27.0 | 9.1  | 10.8 | 6.7  | 12.7 | 31.2 | 42.9 |

| Table 4 Profile of marital status at first birth for men 15-44 years of age, by Hispanic origin and race: United States, 2002. |        |         |       |                    |   |         |       |                    |         |        |                    |         |          |                 |
|--|--------|---------|-------|--------------------|---|---------|-------|--------------------|---------|--------|--------------------|---------|----------|-----------------|
|  |        |         | Total |                    |   |         | NH Wh | iite               |         | NH Bla | ck                 |         | Hispanie | 0               |
| Characteristics  | Total  | Marital | Cohab | outside<br>a union |   | Marital | Cohab | outside<br>a union | Marital | Cohab  | outside<br>a union | Marital | Cohab    | outside a union |
|  |        |         |       |                    |   |         |       |                    |         |        |                    |         |          |                 |
| All men with children<br>(number)  | 28,554 | 18,898  | 5,189 | 4,467              |   | 13,673  | 2,134 | 1,896              | 1,289   | 885    | 1,371              | 2,919   | 1,816    | 917             |
|  |        |         |       |                    |   |         |       |                    |         |        |                    |         |          |                 |
| Age at first birth   | 100%   | 100%    | 100%  | 100%               |   | 100%    | 100%  | 100%               | 100%    | 100%   | 100%               | 100%    | 100%     | 100%            |
| younger than 20  | 15.3   | 8.7     | 22.2  | 35.2               |   | 8.5     | 20.8  | 25.5               | 5.8     | 17.7   | 46.1               | 8.9     | 25.0     | 41.7            |
| under 18   | 4.3    | 2.3     | 5.49  | 11.2               |   | 2.0     | 2.5   | 6.2                | 0.0     | 2.9    | 16.9               | 2.8     | 10.9     | 13.4            |
| 18-19  | 11.0   | 6.4     | 16.72 | 24.0               |   | 6.4     | 18.3  | 19.2               | 5.8     | 14.9   | 29.2               | 6.2     | 14.1     | 28.2            |
| 20-24 year olds  | 35.4   | 27.9    | 52.9  | 46.9               |   | 24.5    | 50.4  | 51.8               | 34.4    | 52.4   | 41.6               | 44.1    | 53.4     | 50.5            |
| 25-29 year olds  | 28.6   | 35.4    | 17.9  | 12.4               |   | 37.2    | 21.1  | 17.7               | 34.8    | 17.6   | 9.7                | 28.7    | 16.8     | 5.6             |
| 30-44 year olds  | 20.7   | 28.0    | 7.1   | 5.6                |   | 29.9    | 7.7   | 5.0                | 25.0    | 12.3   | 2.6                | 18.3    | 4.8      | 2.2             |
| D. 4   |        |         | 1     | 1                  | 1 | 1       | 1     |                    |         | 1      | <u> </u>           | 1       |          | . <u> </u>      |
| Birth year   | 100%   | 100%    | 100%  | 100%               |   | 100%    | 100%  | 100%               | 100%    | 100%   | 100%               | 100%    | 100%     | 100%            |
| Before 1985  | 14.7   | 12.4    | 15.3  | 23.7               |   | 11.6    | 18.6  | 24.4               | 19.0    | 13.4   | 26.6               | 11.9    | 14.8     | 14.5            |
| 1985-1989  | 19.1   | 19.2    | 17.6  | 20.4               |   | 19.3    | 18.5  | 18.2               | 15.8    | 20.0   | 30.1               | 18.0    | 17.3     | 15.9            |
| 1990-1996  | 32.3   | 33.7    | 31.0  | 28.2               |   | 34.0    | 26.2  | 36.1               | 29.1    | 29.2   | 23.3               | 37.2    | 31.5     | 24.8            |
| 1997 or later  | 34.0   | 34.8    | 36.2  | 27.8               |   | 35.1    | 36.7  | 21.4               | 36.1    | 37.4   | 20.0               | 32.9    | 36.5     | 44.8            |
|  |        |         |       |                    | 1 |         |       |                    |         |        |                    |         |          |                 |
| Living arrangement at age 14   | 100%   | 100%    | 100%  | 100%               |   | 100%    | 100%  | 100%               | 100%    | 100%   | 100%               | 100%    | 100%     | 100%            |
| Lived with both parents  | 74.2   | 77.3    | 69.4  | 66.6               |   | 76.2    | 68.2  | 79.1               | 69.5    | 59.8   | 49.9               | 83.6    | 75.9     | 67.3            |
| Other  | 25.8   | 22.7    | 30.6  | 33.4               |   | 23.8    | 31.8  | 20.9               | 30.5    | 40.2   | 50.1               | 16.4    | 24.1     | 32.7            |

| R's parents married at birth | 100% | 100% | 100%  | 100%  |  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
|------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Yes                          | 89.9 | 93.4 | 86.5  | 79.1  |  | 95.8 | 93.0 | 93.2 | 81.2 | 76.1 | 63.1 | 88.7 | 82.1 | 72.7 |
| No                           | 10.1 | 6.6  | 13.5  | 20.9  |  | 4.2  | 7.0  | 6.9  | 18.8 | 23.9 | 36.9 | 11.3 | 17.9 | 27.3 |
|                              |      |      |       |       |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Importance of religion       | 100% | 100% | 100%  | 100%  |  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Very important               | 45.4 | 44.0 | 44.18 | 52.81 |  | 38.2 | 21.8 | 42.9 | 65.3 | 67.7 | 63.5 | 56.4 | 53.9 | 46.1 |
| Somewhat important           | 31.0 | 33.5 | 28.26 | 23.67 |  | 35.3 | 33.1 | 23.6 | 24.0 | 21.6 | 14.7 | 29.9 | 26.5 | 41.1 |
| Not important                | 23.6 | 22.5 | 27.56 | 23.52 |  | 26.5 | 45.1 | 33.4 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 21.8 | 13.7 | 19.6 | 12.8 |
|                              |      |      |       |       |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Education                    | 100% | 100% | 100%  | 100%  |  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Less than high school        | 16.7 | 11.7 | 31.85 | 21.55 |  | 6.7  | 28.0 | 21.0 | 8.2  | 20.3 | 16.1 | 38.3 | 46.6 | 29.4 |
| High school                  | 38.5 | 35.4 | 46.79 | 42.93 |  | 35.5 | 50.3 | 45.2 | 42.1 | 59.4 | 49.7 | 36.3 | 35.5 | 36.3 |
| Some college                 | 24.4 | 25.8 | 16.39 | 27.65 |  | 27.3 | 15.6 | 25.3 | 28.9 | 18.1 | 27.0 | 13.7 | 12.2 | 26.4 |
| BA+                          | 20.4 | 27.2 | 4.96  | 7.88  |  | 30.5 | 6.2  | 8.6  | 20.8 | 2.2  | 7.3  | 11.7 | 5.8  | 8.0  |
|                              |      |      | ł     |       |  |      |      |      |      |      |      | L    |      |      |
| Percent of poverty level     | 100% | 100% | 100%  | 100%  |  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| 0-149%                       | 25.2 | 18.3 | 43.5  | 33.6  |  | 12.7 | 40.0 | 25.2 | 18.3 | 41.3 | 33.6 | 38.5 | 45.9 | 46.6 |
| 150-299%                     | 30.1 | 29.4 | 32.3  | 30.4  |  | 26.9 | 29.3 | 26.8 | 31.4 | 31.1 | 31.8 | 37.9 | 39.2 | 30.3 |
| 300+                         | 44.7 | 52.3 | 24.2  | 36.0  |  | 60.5 | 30.8 | 48.1 | 50.4 | 27.6 | 34.7 | 23.6 | 15.0 | 23.1 |
| Foreign born                 | 100% | 100% | 100%  | 100%  |  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Yes                          | 19.0 | 16.0 | 26.4  | 14.6  |  | 4.0  | 0.0  | 7.0  | 14.4 | 7.0  | 0070 | 69.5 | 67.0 | 44.7 |
| No                           | 81.8 | 83.2 | 73.9  | 85.5  |  | 95.8 | 99.8 | 92.8 | 85.9 | 92.1 | 91.7 | 31.5 | 32.2 | 58.3 |

| Metro            |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| CC-12 MSA        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 13.2 | 11.7 | 17.0 | 15.5 | 7.6  | 7.2  | 6.8  | 21.9 | 20.4 | 17.8 | 24.7 | 28.8 | 33.0 |
| CC-other MSA     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 19.6 | 18.9 | 17.3 | 25.4 | 17.8 | 17.1 | 18.5 | 31.4 | 26.0 | 31.2 | 22.3 | 15.7 | 23.9 |
| Suburb-12 MSAS   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 22.7 | 21.8 | 26.1 | 22.3 | 21.0 | 27.3 | 26.8 | 20.9 | 16.1 | 17.1 | 29.1 | 32.3 | 26.6 |
| Suburb-other MSA |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 23.1 | 25.4 | 19.2 | 18.1 | 28.6 | 24.9 | 19.2 | 10.9 | 20.0 | 24.5 | 15.6 | 15.4 | 12.1 |
| Nonmetro         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                  | 21.4 | 22.3 | 20.5 | 18.6 | 25.0 | 23.6 | 28.7 | 15.0 | 17.4 | 9.4  | 8.4  | 7.8  | 4.4  |

| Table 5. Number of women who had one or more births and percent distribution of marital status at first birth by selected attitudes: United States, 2002. |           |       |          |            |             |           |  |  |  |  |
|---|-----------|-------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
|   |           |       | Marital  | Premarital | first birth |           |  |  |  |  |
|   | Number in |       | first    |            |             | outside a |  |  |  |  |
| Attitudes   | thousands | Total | births/1 | Subtotal   | Cohabiting  | union     |  |  |  |  |
| Marriage  |           |       |          |            |             |           |  |  |  |  |
| Better to get married than to   |           |       |          |            |             |           |  |  |  |  |
| go thru life being single   |           |       |          |            |             |           |  |  |  |  |
| Females   |           |       |          |            |             |           |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Agree  | 6,034     | 100   | 68.4     | 31.6       | 9.6         | 22.1      |  |  |  |  |
| Agree   | 12,933    | 100   | 63.2     | 36.8       | 10.9        | 25.9      |  |  |  |  |
| Disagree  | 11,334    | 100   | 58.6     | 41.4       | 14.7        | 26.7      |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Disagree   | 3,629     | 100   | 56.5     | 43.5       | 17.4        | 26.1      |  |  |  |  |
| Males   |           |       |          |            |             |           |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Agree  | 7,196     | 100   | 66.6     | 33.4       | 18.0        | 15.5      |  |  |  |  |
| Agree   | 12,756    | 100   | 68.0     | 32.0       | 17.5        | 14.5      |  |  |  |  |
| Disagree  | 6,381     | 100   | 59.7     | 40.4       | 21.7        | 18.7      |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Disagree   | 1,123     | 100   | 64.2     | 35.8       | 13.2        | 22.6      |  |  |  |  |
| Cohabiting<br>Not okay for young people to  |           |       |          |            |             |           |  |  |  |  |
|   |           |       |          |            |             |           |  |  |  |  |
| Females   | 2.504     | 400   | 70.0     | 00.7       | 5.0         | 40.0      |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Agree  | 3,564     | 100   | 76.3     | 23.7       | 5.0         | 18.8      |  |  |  |  |
| Agree   | 9,689     | 100   | 66.9     | 33.1       | 8.2         | 24.9      |  |  |  |  |
| Disagree  | 17,902    | 100   | 58.1     | 41.9       | 15.4        | 26.6      |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Disagree   | 3,550     | 100   | 56.1     | 44.0       | 18.3        | 25.7      |  |  |  |  |
| Males   | 0.004     | 400   | 00.0     | 40.4       |             | 44 7      |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Agree  | 3,004     | 100   | 83.9     | 16.1       | 4.4         | 11.7      |  |  |  |  |
| Agree   | 7,487     | 100   | 64.3     | 35.7       | 16.8        | 18.9      |  |  |  |  |
| Disagree  | 14,321    | 100   | 67.2     | 32.8       | 18.9        | 13.9      |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Disagree   | 3,050     | 100   | 49.3     | 50.7       | 31.2        | 19.5      |  |  |  |  |
| Nonmarital Chjildbearing<br>Okay for unmarried female to<br>have a child  |           |       |          |            |             |           |  |  |  |  |
| Females   |           | 1     |          | 1          |             |           |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Agree  | 5,443     | 100   | 47.7     | 52.3       | 17.2        | 35.2      |  |  |  |  |
| Agree   | 19,259    | 100   | 60.2     | 39.9       | 14.0        | 25.8      |  |  |  |  |
| Disagree  | 7,211     | 100   | 72.1     | 27.9       | 7.4         | 20.4      |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Disagree   | 2,705     | 100   | 76.2     | 23.8       | 6.3         | 17.5      |  |  |  |  |
| Males   |           |       |          |            |             |           |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Agree  | 2,221     | 100   | 64.2     | 35.8       | 24.7        | 11.1      |  |  |  |  |
| Agree   | 14,230    | 100   | 64.8     | 35.2       | 19.0        | 16.2      |  |  |  |  |
| Disagree  | 8,782     | 100   | 64.2     | 35.8       | 17.0        | 18.8      |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly Disagree   | 2.349     | 100   | 81.0     | 19.0       | 9.9         | 9.1       |  |  |  |  |