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Table 1: Incidence rate of chlamydia (per 1000 person-years) by age period, sexual behavior and education for women and men

	First coitus to age 26				Age 26–32				Age 32–38			
	No Ct+	Person years	Incidence rate (95% CI)	X ² test* P-value	No Ct+	Person years	Incidence rate (95% CI)	X ² test* P-value	No. Ct+	Person years	Incidence rate (95% CI)	X ² test* P-value
Women												
Total	106	3245	32.7 (27.0–39.5)		36	2427	14.8 (10.7–20.6)		15	2595	5.8 (3.5–9.6)	
Number of sexual partners in each age-period												
0–1	3	342	8.8 (2.8–27.2)		3	1228	2.4 (0.8–7.6)		6	1680	3.6 (1.6–7.9)	
2–4	7	738	9.5 (4.5–19.9)		17	725	23.4 (14.6–37.7)		5	621	8.1 (3.4–19.3)	
5–9	22	994	22.1 (14.6–33.6)		11	315	34.9 (19.3–63.1)		2	228	8.8 (2.0–32.5)	
10 or more	74	1734	42.7 (34.0–53.6)	<0.001	5	159	31.4 (13.1–75.6)	<0.001	2	66	30.3 (6.4–102.5)	0.012
Age of first coitus (years) [†]												
≥18	12	716	16.8 (9.5–29.5)		9	666	13.5 (7.0–26.0)		3	705	4.3 (1.4–13.2)	
15–17	65	2191	29.7 (23.3–37.8)		18	1296	13.9 (8.9–22.0)		8	1398	5.7 (2.9–11.4)	
≤14	25	764	32.7 (22.1–48.4)	0.069	8	360	22.2 (11.1–44.4)	0.367	4	372	10.8 (4.0–28.6)	0.237
Same-sex sexual contact in the age-period												
Yes	17	433	39.3 (24.4–63.2)		6	180	33.3 (15.0–74.2)		3	177	16.9 (5.5–52.6)	
No	89	3375	26.4 (21.4–32.5)	0.130	30	2247	13.4 (9.3–19.1)	0.047	12	2418	5.0 (2.8–8.7)	0.050
Educational attainment (by age 26) [†]												
Low	50	1335	37.5 (28.4–49.4)		15	796	18.8 (11.4–31.3)		8	834	9.6 (4.8–19.2)	
Medium	39	1517	25.7 (18.8–35.2)		17	983	17.3 (10.8–27.8)		3	1071	2.8 (0.9–8.7)	
High	16	945	16.9 (10.4–27.6)	0.003	4	642	6.2 (2.3–16.6)	0.072	4	678	5.9 (2.2–15.7)	0.305

Table 1 <i>continued</i>	First coitus to age 26				Age 26–32				Age 32–38			
	No. Ct+	Person years	Incidence rate (95% CI)	X ² test* P-value	No. Ct+	Person years	Incidence rate (95% CI)	X ² test* P-value	No. Ct+	Person years	Incidence rate (95% CI)	X ² test* P-value
Men												
Total	64	3486	18.4 (14.4–23.5)		32	2470	13.0 (9.2–18.3)		19	2631	7.2 (4.6–11.3)	
Number of sexual partners in each age-period												
0–1	0	247	0.0 (–)		2	770	2.6 (0.7–10.4)		6	1356	4.4 (2.0–9.8)	
2–4	5	559	8.9 (3.7–21.5)		9	745	12.1 (6.3–23.2)		4	558	7.2 (2.7–19.1)	
5–9	10	888	11.3 (6.1–20.9)		9	505	17.8 (9.3–34.3)		5	393	12.7 (5.3–30.6)	
10 or more	49	213	23.1 (17.4–30.5)	<0.001	12	450	26.7 (15.1–47.0)	<0.001	4	324	12.3 (4.6–32.9)	0.052
Age of first coitus (years) [†]												
≥18	7	971	7.2 (3.4–15.1)		15	876	17.1 (10.3–28.4)		8	954	8.4 (4.2–16.8)	
15–17	33	1803	18.3 (13.0–25.7)		7	1065	6.6 (3.1–13.8)		9	1089	8.3 (4.3–15.9)	
≤14	21	821	25.6 (16.7–39.2)	0.003	7	369	19.0 (9.0–39.8)	0.684	1	399	2.5 (0.4–17.8)	0.343
Same-sex sexual contact in the age-period												
Yes	3	356	8.0 (2.6–24.9)		1	120	8.3 (1.2–59.2)		1	159	7.3 (4.6–11.6)	
No	61	3129	17.7 (13.8–22.8)	0.171	31	2350	13.2 (9.3–18.8)	0.644	18	2472	6.3 (0.9–44.6)	0.888
Educational attainment (by age 26) [†]												
Low	31	1409	22.0 (15.5–31.3)		9	835	10.8 (5.6–20.7)		5	891	5.6 (2.3–13.5)	
Medium	25	1749	14.3 (9.7–21.2)		16	1101	14.5 (8.9–23.7)		11	1155	9.5 (5.3–17.2)	
High	8	633	12.6 (6.3–25.3)	0.079	5	504	9.9 (4.1–23.8)	0.979	3	543	5.5 (1.8–17.1)	0.865

* Test for trend where variables are in ordered categories.

[†] There were small numbers of participants who did not provide information on age of first coitus and/or education (refer to Supplementary Table for details)

Abbreviations: Had evidence of chlamydia though positive serology and/or a self-reported diagnosis (Ct+); confidence interval (CI).

Table 2: Poisson regression derived incident rate ratios for chlamydia by age period, number of partners, same-sex contact and education for women and men

	Crude	Adjusted*	
	IRR (95% CI)	AIRR	(95% CI)
Women			
Age period			
First coitus – 26 years	Reference		
26–32 years	0.45 (0.16–0.65)	1.04	(0.68–1.58)
32–38 years	0.17 (0.10–0.30)	0.53	(0.29–0.96)
Number of sexual partners in each age-period			
0–1	Reference		
2–4	3.81 (1.95–7.47)	3.35	(1.69–6.64)
5–9	6.64 (3.44–12.78)	5.27	(2.62–10.60)
10 or more	14.06 (7.67–25.78)	10.08	(5.05–20.09)
Same-sex sexual contact in the age-period			
No	Reference		
Yes	2.19 (1.44–3.34)	1.25	(0.81–1.93)
Educational attainment (by age 26)			
Low	Reference		
Medium	0.65 (0.46–0.92)	0.68	(0.48–0.96)
High	0.41 (0.26–0.65)	0.45	(0.28–0.71)
Men			
Age period			
First coitus – 26 years	Reference		
26–32 years	0.69 (0.45–1.06)	1.04	(0.65–1.65)
32–38 years	0.38 (0.23–0.64)	0.81	(0.47–1.41)
Number of sexual partners in each age-period			
0–1	Reference		
2–4	2.91 (1.26–6.73)	2.64	(1.12–6.21)
5–9	4.13 (1.84–9.24)	3.95	(1.72–9.04)
10 or more	7.58 (3.60–15.98)	7.19	(3.24–15.95)
Same-sex sexual contact in the age-period			
No	Reference		
Yes	0.57 (0.23–1.41)	0.38	(0.15–0.94)
Educational attainment (by age 26)			
Low	Reference		
Medium	0.88 (0.58–1.33)	0.86	(0.57–1.30)
High	0.63 (0.35–1.14)	0.78	(0.43–1.41)

* Simultaneously adjusted for all other variables in the table for women and men separately.

Abbreviations: Incidence rate ratio (IRR); adjusted incidence rate ratio (AI RR); confidence interval (CI).

Table 3: Poisson regression derived incident rate ratios for chlamydia by age at first coitus, number of partners, same-sex contact and education, for women from first coitus–age 26

	Crude		Adjusted	
	IRR	(95% CI)	AIRR	(95% CI)
Age of first coitus (years)				
≥18	Reference			
15–17	1.94	(1.06–3.64)	1.14	(0.60–2.16)
≤14	2.34	(1.17–4.65)	1.12	(0.54–2.32)
Number of sexual partners in each age-period				
0–1	Reference			
2–4	1.09	(0.28–4.12)	1.15	(0.29–4.53)
5–9	2.75	(0.82–9.17)	2.50	(0.72–8.61)
10 or more	6.12	(1.93–19.40)	5.57	(1.68–18.43)
Same-sex sexual contact in the age-period				
No	Reference			
Yes	1.69	(1.00–2.83)	1.15	(0.65–2.01)
Educational attainment (by age 26)				
Low	Reference			
Medium	0.64	(0.42–0.98)	0.67	(0.44–1.03)
High	0.40	(0.23–0.70)	0.42	(0.24–0.76)

* Simultaneously adjusted for all other variables in the table.

Abbreviations: Incidence rate ratio (IRR); adjusted incidence rate ratio (AI RR); confidence interval (CI).