

Table 1. Distribution of demographic and health care characteristics, Turkish health surveys 2008–2012

Characteristic	Year		
	2008 (n = 14 655)	(%) 2010 (n = 14 447)	(%) 2012 (n = 28 055)
<i>Female</i>	54.54	56.48	53.93
<i>Age group (years)</i>			
15–24	19.64	18.46	18.25
25–34	22.59	20.09	19.98
35–44	19.71	19.51	19.80
45–54	16.57	17.34	17.54
55–64	10.98	12.15	12.33
65–74	6.46	7.72	7.54
75+	4.05	4.73	4.56
<i>Urban residence</i>	68.87	71.13	73.63
<i>Insured</i>	86.05	85.54	89.78
<i>Education status</i>			
Illiterate	12.60	11.41	10.37
Literate ^a	7.06	7.64	5.96
Primary school	39.52	37.47	35.31
Secondary school	15.33	17.41	18.75
High school	16.77	15.78	17.60
University	8.09	9.60	11.16
Graduate	0.64	0.69	0.85
<i>Marital status</i>			
Single	22.27	21.89	22.82
Married	70.13	69.43	68.51
Divorced-widowed	7.60	8.68	8.67
<i>Employment status: employed</i>	26.54	36.29	37.23
<i>Income group^b</i>			
Very poor (\leq \$271)	27.47	17.60	8.85
Poor (\$272–\$390)	21.26	21.58	12.33
Middle income (\$391–\$546)	20.91	20.73	24.51
Rich (\$547–\$800)	16.94	19.73	22.21
Very rich (\geq \$801)	12.53	19.49	30.92
Non-respondent	0.89	0.87	1.18
<i>Health problems for more than 6 months</i>	37.59	37.52	36.11

<i>Used GP services in previous 12 months</i>	45.89	53.30	62.22
<i>Used outpatient health care in previous 12 months</i>	55.49	60.41	60.01
<i>Use of inpatient health care in previous 12 months</i>	9.31	9.29	9.07

^aIndividuals who are literate but have no formal education certificate or diploma.

^bTurkish liras converted to US\$ at the July 2018 rate of 4.65.