Variable Males Females Total P No. Score No. Score No. Score Mean SD Mean SD Mean SD In the last month, how often have you felt: You were unable to control 49.3 32.0 < 0.01

24.5

16.5

123

121

38.4

46.5

26.1

21.7

174

172

55.0

58.6

40.8

50.7

29.9 < 0.05

27.2 < 0.001

0.058

< 0.001

25.8

the important things in your life?	52	60.6	29.9	121	44.4	31.7	173
Confident about your ability to							
handle personal problems?	52	62.0	24.0	123	52.0	31.6	175
Things were going your way?	52	72.6	24.4	123	52.6	26.2	175

51

46.6

60.5

Table 3 Perceived Stress Scale score by sex

Things were piling up so high you could not overcome them?

Perceived Stress Scale score

SD = standard deviation.