Table 2 Sociodemographic characteristics of women who had caesarean section (CS) delivery compared with those who delivered vaginally Characteristic Normal deliveries CS deliveries t-value P-value No. Mean SD No. Mean SD Urban women 5210 26.8 6.3 2938 27.8 6.2 6.8 < 0.001 Age (years) 18.4 3.7 2955 19.8 4.3 15.8 Age at marriage (years) 5243 < 0.001 Husband's age at marriage (years) 4921 23.8 4.8 2884 25.0 4.8 11.4 < 0.001 Duration of marriage 5448 8.5 6.7 2957 8.0 6.5 3.0 0.002 (years) Level of education (years in school) 5191 6.1 4.6 2926 8.7 4.5 24.2 < 0.001 No. pregnancies 5248 2.8 2.1 2957 2.4 1.9 8.2 < 0.001 No. children ever born 5247 2.5 1.8 2957 2.1 1.5 10.6 < 0.001

No. living children	5248	2.0	1.0	2957	1.8	0.9	10.7	< 0.001
Rural women								
Age (years)	7804	26.9	6.7	1917	27.2	6.6	1.7	0.080
Age at marriage (years)	7854	17.6	3.6	1925	19.0	4.3	14.7	< 0.001
Husband's age at								
marriage (years)	7085	22.8	5.6	1828	23.7	5.7	5.7	< 0.001

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Husband's age at marriage (years)	7085	22.8	5.6	1828	23.7	5.7	5.7	< 0.001
Duration of marriage (vears)	7861	9.3	7.2	1925	8.0	6.5	7.5	< 0.001

3.4

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2.1

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1913

1925

1925

1925

4.9

2.7

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1.9

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2.3

1.8

1.0

20.9

10.9

12.7

13.2

< 0.001

< 0.001

< 0.001

< 0.001

Husband's age at	
marriage (years)	7085
Duration of marriage	
(years)	7861
Level of education	

7772

7861

7860

7861

3.0

3.4

2.9

2.3

(years in school)

No. pregnancies

No. living children SD = standard deviation.

No. children ever born