

Table 1 Characteristics of the study group of infants and mothers (n = 830)

Characteristic	No. of responses	Value
Infants		
Sex (%)	825	
Boys		52.4
Girls		47.6
Mean (SD) birth weight (g)	803	3314 (588)
Mean (SD) birth height (cm)	526	50.7 (2.9)
Mothers		
Mean (SD) age (years)	829	30.8 (5.9)
Mean (SD) nonpregnancy weight (kg)	781	64.0 (11.7)
Mean (SD) height (m)	595	1.6 (0.1)
Mean (SD) no. of children	830	4.9 (1.6)
Nationality (%)		
	830	
Lebanese		99.2
Marital status (%)		
	827	
Married		99.2
Education status (%)		
	829	
Primary or less		19.9
Intermediate		33.7
High school		23.4
University		20.9
Other		2.1
Employment status (%)		
	828	
Homemaker		77.3
Employed		2.2
Other		20.5
Place of birth (%)		
	704	
Urban		56.0
Rural		44.0
Place of residence (%)		
	704	
Urban		47.8
Rural		52.2

SD = standard deviation.