

Table 1 Rates of ever finger- and pacifier-sucking in relation to various contributing factors among 7-year-old girls in Masshad, Islamic Republic of Iran

Factor	Total sample (n = 436)		Finger-sucking (n = 46)		Pacifier-sucking (n = 116)		
	%	%	χ^2 -value	P-value	%	χ^2 -value	P-value
<i>Father's education</i>			2.1	0.717		10.2	0.036
No formal education	1.1	0.0			1.7		
Primary school	1.8	0.0			9.0		
Guidance school*	35.4	37.0			25.0		
High school	39.8	37.0			50.0		
College	21.9	26.0			22.4		
<i>Mother's education</i>			1.2	0.875		9.3	0.050
No formal education	1.4	2.2			0.9		
Primary school	5.3	6.5			2.6		
Guidance school	34.9	30.4			26.7		
High school	42.6	47.8			52.6		
College	15.8	13.0			17.2		
<i>Birth rank</i>			0.50	0.870		8.9	0.012
1st child	38.1	41.3			45.7		
2nd or 3rd child	46.1	41.3			46.6		
4th+ child	15.8	17.4			7.8		
<i>No. of siblings</i>			0.15	0.928		10.5	0.005
1 or 2	43.6	41.3			52.6		
3 or 4	38.5	39.1			38.8		
5+	17.9	19.6			8.6		
<i>Type of feeding in first 2 years of life</i>			2.8	0.245		46.4	< 0.0001
Bottle	7.3	13.0			13.8		
Breast	64.5	65.2			39.7		
Bottle & breast	27.3	21.7			46.6		