Table 2 Distribution of students in the study group according to their sociodemographic characteristics

sociodemographic characteristics	
Sociodemographic	n² (%)
Gender	
Male	611 (42.6)
Female	823 (57.4)
Age (yr)	
15	580 (40.4)
16	496 (34.6)
17	358 (25.0)
Residence	
Rural	542 (37.8)
Urban	892 (62.2)
Socioeconomic status	
Poor	126 (9.6)
Moderate	854 (60.4)
Good	420 (30.0)
Smoking status	
Never smoked	896 (62.8)
Initiator	211 (15.0)
Smoker	313 (22.2)
Close friend smokes	
Yes	926 (64.6)
No	508 (35.4)
Adult in household smokes	
Yes	943 (65.8)
No	491 (34.2)

[&]quot;There were some differences in the totals due to unanswered questions.