

Table 5 Relationship between the age of the infant when solid foods were introduced and various maternal variables

Maternal characteristic	Age of the infant when introduced to solid foods			
	< 2 months No. (%)	2–4 months No. (%)	4.1–6 months No. (%)	> 6 months No. (%)
Total	50 (1.1)	715 (15.9)	2248 (50.1)	1471 (33.0)
<i>Nationality</i>				
Saudi	45 (1.2) ^{a*}	589 (16.2)	1770 (48.7) ^b	1228 (33.8) ^c
Non-Saudi	5 (0.6) ^a	126 (14.8)	478 (56.1) ^{b*}	243 (28.5) ^{c*}
<i>Age (years)</i>				
< 20	10 (3.1) ^{d*}	47 (14.5)	159 (49.1)	108 (33.4)
20–30	22 (1.0) ^d	383 (16.7)	1132 (49.3)	761 (33.1)
30–40	15 (0.9) ^d	243 (15.1)	819 (51.0)	528 (32.9)
> 40	3 (1.1) ^d	43 (15.7)	141 (51.5)	87 (31.8)
<i>Education</i>				
Illiterate	16 (1.5)	178 (16.8)	475 (45.0) ^e	387 (36.7) ^g
Primary	14 (1.0)	231 (16.5)	661 (47.1) ^f	497 (44.4) ^h
Secondary	13 (1.0)	181 (14.2)	667 (52.4)	412 (32.4) ^g
University	6 (0.8)	128 (17.2)	444 (59.5) ^{fx, e **}	168 (22.5)
<i>Residence</i>				
Nuclear family	33 (1.0)	495 (15.6)	1638 (51.6)	1006 (31.7)
Extended family	14 (1.3)	195 (17.9)	500 (46.0)	379 (34.8)

^{g*}, ^{h**}