

**Table 4 Distribution of adolescents who agreed that female genital cutting was healthy and important by sociodemographic characteristic and sex**

Characteristic	Boys (%)		Girls (%)		Total (n = 3114) (%)	
	Highly agree	Agree	Highly agree	Agree	Highly agree	Agree
<i>Age (years)</i>						
<16	43.04	32.47	46.26	31.69	45.03	31.99
16-	48.22	29.53	46.61	32.08	47.31	30.97
17-	46.12	38.50	45.09	37.73	45.58	38.10
18-	47.58	34.42	44.36	34.14	45.93	34.27
19 and above	44.11	36.66	44.64	34.03	44.31	35.65
Likelihood $\chi^2$	6.69		5.64			
	13.6					
<i>Secondary school grade</i>						
First	49.68	28.24	49.97	32.50	49.83	30.40
Second	44.97	38.13	41.50	36.37	43.27	37.27
Third	43.55	37.68	43.41	35.08	43.47	36.22
Likelihood $\chi^2$	14.07*		14.41*			
	8.54					
<i>Region<sup>a</sup></i>						
Muscat	52.96	29.90	39.43	30.35	46.01	30.13
Dhofar	35.19	42.09	47.34	40.72	42.34	41.29
Ad Dakhliya	50.72	30.59	50.05	35.75	50.39	33.17
North Ash Sharqiyah	47.41	26.10	48.76	21.23	48.21	23.22
South Ash Sharqiyah	55.24	35.11	50.80	38.37	53.06	36.71
North Al Batinah	38.57	39.73	40.99	39.04	39.83	39.37
South Al Batinah	47.28	36.45	48.05	35.81	47.71	36.09
Adh Dhahira	44.48	31.13	49.16	26.57	46.40	29.26
Musandam	38.78	45.68	36.23	60.29	37.65	52.15
Likelihood $\chi^2$	32.25*		70.67*			
	65.82*					
<i>Mother's education</i>						
Illiterate	44.21	36.05	45.82	37.13	45.01	36.59
Read & write	43.66	34.73	45.34	35.72	44.63	35.30
Primary/preparatory	50.43	33.88	48.28	32.57	49.24	33.16
Secondary and above	46.66	25.00	32.89	21.33	39.85	23.18
Don't know	58.60	27.79	42.42	28.45	51.88	28.06
Likelihood $\chi^2$	16.72*		42.69*			
	43.21*					
<i>Father's education</i>						
Illiterate	45.92	35.60	46.50	39.08	46.20	37.28
Read & write	49.87	31.05	46.74	32.20	48.13	31.69
Primary/preparatory	42.66	38.59	47.32	33.93	45.02	36.23
Secondary and above	42.11	33.22	37.92	33.51	40.01	33.37
Don't know	54.12	30.78	44.44	35.94	49.17	33.42
Likelihood $\chi^2$	12.44					