

Table 1 Distribution of the women according to age, education, occupation, place of residence and time taken to travel to the nearest place of delivery (n = 353)

Variable	No.	%
Age (years)		
< 20	59	16.7
20-29	201	56.9
30-39	90	25.5
≥ 40	3	0.8
Education		
Illiterate	85	24.1
Read and write	47	13.3
6 years	121	34.3
7-9 years	39	11.0
10-12 years	12	3.4
≥ 13	49	13.9
Occupation		
Housewife	320	90.7
Working outside the home	33	9.3
Place of residence		
Basra City Centre	226	64.0
Northern Area ^a	43	12.2
Western Area ^b	47	13.3
Southern Area ^c	28	7.9
Eastern Area ^d	9	2.5
Travel time to place of delivery (minutes)		
< 10	31	8.8
10-19	135	38.2
20-29	125	35.4
30-59	53	15.0
≥ 60	9	2.5

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