

**Table 1 Demographic characteristics of the rural population in River Nile State, Sudan, 2013 (n =1111)**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><i>Age group (years)</i></b>		
18-35	535	48.3
36-55	390	35.2
56-75	152	13.7
76-95	31	2.8
<b><i>Sex</i></b>		
Male	456	41.0
Female	655	59.0
<b><i>Educational level</i></b>		
Illiterate	155	14.0
10 years or less	786	67.8
College and above	201	18.2
<b><i>Residence by locality</i></b>		
Ed Damar	632	65.9
Abu Hamad	225	20.3
Berber	224	20.2
<b><i>Occupation</i></b>		
Housewife	504	45.4
Self-employed	181	16.3
Employee	138	12.4
Student	129	11.6
Farmer	100	9.0
Unemployed or retired	12	1.1