

Table 5 Association of sociodemographic factors and caries status among the studied schoolchildren

Variable	Caries active ^a		Caries free		P-value ^b
	No.	%	No.	%	
Total	779	91.3	74	8.7	
Sex					
Boys	472	90.8	48	9.2	0.471
Girls	307	92.2	26	7.8	
Mother's education					
Basic education (elementary or high school)	700	92.0	61	8.0	0.049
High education (college)	79	85.9	13	14.1	
Mother's occupation					
Employee (government or private)	139	90.8	14	9.2	0.818
Unemployed (housewife)	640	91.4	60	8.6	
Father's education					
Basic education (elementary or high school)	585	92.0	51	8.0	0.244
High education (college)	194	89.4	23	10.6	
Father's occupation					
Government employee	266	91.4	25	8.6	0.950
Private employee	513	91.3	49	8.7	

^aBased on decayed/missing/filled teeth for deciduous (dft) and permanent (DMFT) teeth. Caries active = ≥ 1 dft/DMFT; caries free = 0 dft/DMFT.

^bChi-squared test for association of sociodemographic variables and caries status.