

**Table 4 Perceptions of friends' and peers' behaviour (engaging in risk activities) reported by the survey sample of Palestinian youth (n = 2481)**

Behaviour & age group (years)	Males (%)				Females (%)			
	All	Urban	Rural	Camps	All	Urban	Rural	Camps
<b>Current smoking</b>								
15-19 (friends)	54.1	53.4	52.2	66.1	16.9	18.7	11.5	21.5
15-19 (peers)	64.0	63.7	60.3	79.2	20.1	23.2	10.6	28.5
20-24 (friends)	76.4	77.0	72.1	86.8	27.6	32.7	13.1	31.2
20-24 (peers)	80.4	80.5	78.8	85.3	28.8	34.1	11.7	39.1
<b>Current alcohol use</b>								
15-19 (friends)	6.4	7.3	3.7	8.2	1.9	2.6	0.7	0.7
15-19 (peers)	13.0	13.4	10.9	17.3	5.5	7.4	1.1	7.1
20-24 (friends)	13.0	15.3	7.2	14.9	6.7	8.2	2.3	8.0
20-24 (peers)	22.5	25.1	15.2	25.5	10.9	13.3	3.1	15.2
<b>Current drug use</b>								
15-19 (friends)	1.0	1.2	0.0	2.9	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0
15-19 (peers)	7.6	8.5	3.8	12.7	4.2	5.6	0.5	6.3
20-24 (friends)	4.0	5.1	1.2	4.4	2.1	2.6	0.7	2.9
20-24 (peers)	13.2	15.2	8.5	12.1	8.1	10.1	1.0	14.0
<b>Current sexual activity, unmarried (intercourse)</b>								
15-19 (friends)	4.2	4.0	4.7	4.2	9.8	8.9	10.7	14.1
15-19 (peers)	7.7	7.7	7.0	9.3	10.6	12.4	5.3	17.3
20-24 (friends)	11.8	13.6	7.4	13.1	20.8	22.2	16.1	26.0
20-24 (peers)	14.1	15.4	11.7	11.8	15.2	18.4	5.1	20.0

\*Friends\* refers to the 3 closest friends of the respondent; % for each respondent is calculated as the number reported to engage in the behaviour divided by 3.

\*Peers\* refers to general peers in the community of the same age and sex of the respondent.