

**Table 1. Characteristics of the index children and parents**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<i>Median age of children (months) (range)</i>	36 (0.2–120)	
<b>Sex of index child</b>		
Male	470	52.0
Female	433	48.0
<b>Principal caregiver involved in child's vaccination</b>		
Mother	507	56.1
Father	17	1.9
Mother & father	372	41.2
Other (grandmother, uncle, etc.)	7	0.8
<b>Maternal education level</b>		
Elementary school	84	9.3
Secondary/high school	450	49.8
University	369	40.9
<b>Maternal occupation</b>		
Housewife	558	61.8
Public official	260	28.7
Self employed	41	4.5
Doctor/nurse	44	4.8
<b>Paternal education level</b>		
Elementary school	71	7.8
Secondary/high school	477	52.8
University	355	39.3
<b>Paternal occupation</b>		
Manual	245	27.1
Public official	349	38.6
Self employed	297	32.8
Doctor	12	1.3
<b>Average monthly household income (TL)*</b>		
< 1000	171	18.9
1000–3000	242	26.8
3001–4000	216	23.9
> 4000	274	30.3
<b>Immunization status of index children</b>		
Completely immunized	881	97.5
Partially immunized	22	2.4
Unimmunized	0	0
<b>Underlying diseases of the index children</b>		
Immunodeficiency	23	2.5
Chronic heart disease	8	0.9
Chronic lung disease	17	1.9
Renal disease	10	1.1
Diabetes mellitus	3	0.3
Other <sup>b</sup>	74	8.2
None	768	85.0

\*1 US\$ ≈ 2.6 Turkish lira (TL).

<sup>b</sup>Includes congenital metabolic/neurometabolic disorders, other endocrinopathies, neurological disorders, etc.