Table 1 Socioeconomic characteristics of women applying for a legal abortion licence at the Tehran Province General Office of Legal Medicine from 23 August 2011 to 22 August 2012, according to issuance or not of the licence

Socioeconomic characteristic	Licence issued (*n* = 661)		Licence not issued (*n* = 717)		P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	
Level of education					
Illiterate	19	2.9	26	4.0	0.203[a]
Elementary school	65	10.1	80	12.4	
Middle school	78	12.1	78	12.1	
High school	25	3.9	39	6.0	
Diploma	270	41.8	255	39.4	
University degree	189	29.3	169	26.1	
Total	646	100	647	100	
Occupation					
Housewife	556	85.7	561	85.0	0.886[a]
Employed	70	10.8	76	11.5	
Labourer	1	0.2	2	0.3	
Self-employed	11	1.7	13	2.0	
Other	11	1.7	8	1.2	
Total	649	100	660	100	
Husband's occupation					
Employed	207	32.1	206	31.5	0.988[a]
Labourer	147	22.8	147	22.5	
Self-employed	269	41.7	276	42.3	
Other	22	3.4	24	3.7	
Total	645	100	653	100	
	Mean (SD)		**Mean (SD)**		
Age (years)	29.5 (6.45)		30.7 (6.56)		0.001[b]
Husband's age (years)	33.3 (6.58)		35.0 (7.45)		< 0.001[b]
No. of living children	0.8 (0.91)		1.1 (1.00)		< 0.001[b]
No. of sons	0.5 (0.62)		0.6 (0.69)		0.020[b]
No. of daughters	0.5 (0.76)		0.7 (0.76)		0.005[b]

[a]Chi-squared test; [b]Independent t-test.

SD = standard deviation