Table 1 Demographic characteristics of the participants in a nationwide survey of health literacy in the Islamic Republic of Iran, 2015

Characteristic	Females (n = 4469)	Males (n = 3935)	Total (n = 8404)	P-value
Mean (SD) age (years)	36.16 (11.33)	37.33 (11.80)	36.7 (11.5)	< 0.001
	No. (%)	*No. (%)*	*No. (%)*	
Residence (n = 8038)				
Urban	2578 (57.7)	2288 (58.2)	4482 (58.0)	0.61
Rural	1819 (42.3)	1646 (41.8)	3556 (42.0)	
Occupation (n = 8363)				
Student	288 (6.5)	371 (9.5)	659 (7.9)	< 0.001
Housewife/homemaker	3458 (77.7)	193 (4.9)	3651 (43.7)	
Retired	56 (1.3)	342 (8.7)	398 (4.8)	
Unemployed	89 (2.0)	351 (9.0)	440 (5.3)	
Permanent job	345 (7.7)	1731 (44.3)	2076 (24.8)	
Temporary job	216 (4.9)	923 (23.6)	1139 (13.6)	
Education level				
Illiterate	607 (13.6)	298 (7.6)	905 (10.8)	
Elementary and secondary	1631 (36.5)	1339 (34.1)	2970 (35.3)	< 0.001
High school	1392 (31.2)	1317 (33.5)	2709 (32.3)	
College/university	834 (18.7)	977 (24.9)	1811 (21.6)	

SD = standard deviation.