

Table 3 Comparison of demographic and socioeconomic data for Iranian and Afghan men

Variable	Iranian men	Afghan men
Mean age (years)	34.2	35.0
Mean age at marriage (years)	23.3	23.5
Mean age of wife at marriage (years) ^{***}	18.6	17.1
Mean age of wife at 1st pregnancy (years) ^{***}	20.2	17.8
Mean no. of children ^{***}	2.2	3.2
Mean monthly salary (rials) ^{***}	1 129 300	925 300
Mean crowding index (persons/room) ^{***}	1.04	1.33
Illiterate or semi-literate (%) ^{***}	11.4	50.2
Illiterate or semi-literate wife (%) ^{***}	13.0	78.6
Wife working outside the home (%) ^{***}	4.9	0.0
Home ownership (%) ^{***}	49.8	29.9
Mean no. of luxury items ^{***}	2.83	1.93

^{***}Significant at $P < 0.001$.