

Table 3: Proportional Hazard Models Predicting the Dissolution of Common-Law Unions and Marriages (preceded or not by cohabitation)						
Variables	Risk ratio of union dissolution					
	Background		Economic		Cultural (Bootstrap weights)	
	Marriage	Common-law	Marriage	Common-law	Marriage	Common-law
Cohabitation followed by marriage (time-varying)						
<i>No</i>						
Yes	1.61***		1.58***		1.42***	
Separation of parents						
<i>No</i>						
Yes	1.61***	1.26**	1.49***	1.22**	1.48***	1.20***
Age at start of first union						
<i>25 or more</i>						
Less than 25	1.29***	1.20**	1.24***	1.16*	1.21***	1.17***
Conception or adoption of children before or after start of the first union (time-varying)						
<i>No children</i>						
Conception or adoption before the start of union	1.30**	0.86	1.31**	0.87	1.31***	0.87***
Conception or adoption after the start of union	0.62***	0.68***	0.63***	0.69***	0.66***	0.72***
Presence of stepchildren in the first union						
<i>No stepchildren</i>						
Stepchildren	1.79***	0.54***	1.77***	0.56**	1.74***	0.55***
Period of union formation						
<i>1970-1979</i>						
1980-1989	1.28**	1.01	1.29**	1.01	1.32***	1.01
1990-1999	1.51***	1.02	1.55***	1.11	1.64***	1.12***
2000-2006	1.62***	1.19*	1.69***	1.25**	1.83***	1.27***
School enrollment (time-varying)						
<i>In school</i>						
Not in school			0.69***	0.64***	0.68***	0.64***
Educational level at start of first union						
<i>Less than high school</i>						
High school degree			1.02**	1.03	1.18***	1.02
Post-secondary education			1.11	0.95	1.01***	0.96**
University degree			1.05	1.11	1.02	1.12***
Employment status (time-varying)						
<i>Not employed</i>						
Employed			1.24**	1.05	1.22***	1.05**
Religious attendance						
<i>Not at all</i>						
At least once a month					0.56***	0.95**
Infrequently					0.80***	0.96**
Region of current residence						
<i>Québec</i>						
Rest of Canada					0.80***	1.19***
Size of community						
<i>Urban area</i>						
Rural area					0.91***	0.89***

Legend: * p>0.1; ** p>0.05; ***p>0.01

Source: General Social Survey, Statistics Canada, 2006

Reference categories are in italics.

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