

Table 2. Experience of childbirth in relation to expectations in primiparous women of advanced age (≥32 years) compared with the reference group (25-31 years).

All women and subgroups of women by mode of delivery**

Total sample = 30 065 women. Regression analyses presented as Crude and Adjusted Odds Ratio (OR) with 95 % Confidence Intervals (CI).

Maternal age, yrs	Total	As expected/mixed feelings		Worse than expected				Better than expected							
		n	%	n	%	Crude OR	95% CI	Adj OR*	95% CI	n	%	Crude OR	95% CI	Adj OR*	95% CI
All women															
25-31	21 226	11 349	53.5	5376	25.3	1		1		4501	21.2	1		1	
≥32	8839	4652	52.6	2411	27.2	1.09	(1.03-1.16)	1.09	(1.02-1.16)	1776	20.1	0.96	(0.90-1.03)	0.97	(0.90-1.03)
Subgroups of women by mode of delivery															
<i>Women with a spontaneous vaginal birth</i>															
25-31	14 583	8268	56.7	2342	16.1	1		1		3973	27.2	1		1	
≥32	5192	2872	55.3	913	17.6	1.12	(1.03-1.23)	1.12	(1.02-1.22)	1407	27.1	1.02	(0.95-1.10)	1.02	(0.95-1.10)
<i>Women with instrumental vaginal delivery</i>															
25-31	3583	1668	46.6	1632	45.5	1		1		283	7.9	1		1	
≥32	1696	825	48.6	731	43.1	0.91	(0.80-1.02)	0.9	(0.80-1.02)	140	8.3	1.00	(0.80-1.25)	1.01	(0.81-1.26)
<i>Women with emergency cesarean delivery</i>															
25-31	2059	812	39.4	1 135	55.1	1		1		112	5.4	1		1	
≥32	1193	498	41.7	603	50.5	0.87	(0.75-1.01)	0.87	(0.74-1.01)	92	7.7	1.34	(1.00-1.80)	1.36	(1.01-1.85)
<i>Women with elective cesarean delivery</i>															
25-31	665	477	71.7	66	9.9	1		1		122	18.8	1		1	
≥32	532	364	68.4	44	8.3	0.87	(0.58-1.31)	0.85	(0.56-1.30)	124	23.3	1.33	(1.00-1.77)	1.38	(1.03-1.84)

*Adjusted for smoking, single status, native language other than Norwegian and education

**Women with unclear mode of delivery or combined (VE and emergency cesarean delivery) excluded (n=562)