

**Table 3-2** Support for Gay Marriage, by Age (cross-tabulation)

| Gay marriage allowed? | Age group    |              |              |              |                 | Total   |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|
|                       | <i>18–30</i> | <i>31–40</i> | <i>41–50</i> | <i>51–60</i> | <i>61–older</i> |         |
| Allowed               | 60.3%        | 49.1%        | 35.2%        | 28.7%        | 20.2%           | 39.2%   |
|                       | (325)        | (182)        | (154)        | (114)        | (98)            | (873)   |
| Not allowed           | 39.7%        | 50.9%        | 64.8%        | 71.3%        | 79.8%           | 60.8%   |
|                       | (214)        | (189)        | (283)        | (283)        | (387)           | (1,356) |
| Total                 | 100.0%       | 100.0%       | 100.0%       | 100.0%       | 100.0%          | 100.0%  |
|                       | (539)        | (371)        | (437)        | (397)        | (485)           | (2,229) |

*Source:* 2008 American National Election Study.

*Note:* Question: “Should same-sex couples be allowed to marry, or do you think they should not be allowed to marry?” In Table 3-2, “not allowed” combines respondents who chose “should not be allowed” with respondents who volunteered the response that gays “should not be allowed to marry but should be allowed to legally form a civil union.” (Based on variable V083214.)