| **Characteristic** | **N = 782**1 |
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| Thalassemia screening should be made compulsory |  |
| Maybe | 94 (12%) |
| No | 25 (3.2%) |
| Yes | 663 (85%) |
| Only voluntary screening should be promoted |  |
| Maybe | 217 (28%) |
| No | 309 (40%) |
| Yes | 256 (33%) |
| Screening of at least one of the partners in a couple should be made compulsory |  |
| Maybe | 162 (21%) |
| No | 138 (18%) |
| Yes | 482 (62%) |
| Both partners in a couple should be screened |  |
| Maybe | 110 (14%) |
| No | 21 (2.7%) |
| Yes | 651 (83%) |
| Opinion of the respondents regarding the age of screening for thalassemia |  |
| After marriage but before the pregnancy | 34 (4.6%) |
| After proposal but before the marriage | 131 (18%) |
| After school but before a marriage proposal | 263 (35%) |
| During the school days | 313 (42%) |
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