

Table 4. Adjusted odds ratios (and 95% confidence intervals) of selected birth-weight comparisons, by effects of stress, major life events and pregnancy attitudes and intentions

Factor	Very low vs. normal	Moderately low vs. normal	Very low vs. moderately low
Stress			
Almost always felt stress	1.57* (1.21, 2.05)	1.26 (0.97, 1.64)	1.21 (0.94, 1.55)
Major life events†			
Got back with husband/partner	1.37 (0.94, 1.99)	1.69* (1.19, 2.41)	0.82 (0.59, 1.14)
Took out mortgage/loan	0.54* (0.33, 0.88)	0.94 (0.62, 1.44)	0.60* (0.36, 0.98)
Suffered major injury/accident/illness	1.70* (1.02, 2.81)	1.71* (1.04, 2.80)	0.99 (0.65, 1.51)
Was in physical fight	1.63* (1.06, 2.50)	1.19 (0.77, 1.85)	1.35 (0.91, 2.00)
Close family member died	0.69* (0.50, 0.96)	0.88 (0.65, 1.18)	0.75 (0.56, 1.07)
Pregnancy attitude/intention			
Unhappy about pregnancy	1.39* (1.03, 1.89)	1.21 (0.97, 1.73)	1.08 (0.82, 1.43)
Pregnancy denial	1.67* (1.20, 2.32)	1.70 (0.86, 1.67)	1.41* (1.04, 1.91)
Mistimed pregnancy	0.79* (0.63, 0.96)	0.75* (0.61, 0.93)	0.85 (0.85, 1.29)

*Statistically significant at $p < .05$. *Notes:* All analyses are adjusted for education, Medicaid status, marital status, health during pregnancy, inadequate prenatal care, no previous live birth, smoking and type of survey. Only variables that were statistically significant in at least one birth-weight comparison are shown in this table.