

**TABLE 1. Selected characteristics of young adults aged 15–25, by sex, Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health, 2006**

Characteristic	All (N=1,069)	Women (N=587)	Men (N=482)
<b>SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC</b>			
<b>Mean age</b>	20.9	20.7	21.0
<b>Mean normalized wealth index score</b>	0.00	-0.02	0.07
<b>Marital status</b>			
Married	59.3	73.7	41.2
Never married	36.0	19.1	57.3
Divorced/separated/widowed	4.7	7.2	1.5
<b>Region</b>			
Central	31.4	34.6	27.3
South	35.3	33.6	37.5
North	33.3	31.8	35.2
<b>Education</b>			
None	12.1	14.7	9.8
Primary	65.8	69.3	61.2
≥secondary	22.1	17.0	29.0
<b>Mother's status</b>			
Alive	84.7	83.5	86.2
Died in past 5 yrs.	4.2	5.3	2.8
Died >5 yrs.ago	11.1	11.2	11.0
<b>Father's status</b>			
Alive	73.6	73.3	74.0
Died in past 5 yrs.	7.5	7.2	7.9
Died >5 yrs.ago	18.9	19.5	18.1
<b>RISK INDICATORS</b>			
<b>Mean no. of partners</b>	2.5	1.8	3.4
<b>Ever exchanged sex for money</b>	25.0	18.9	29.4
<b>Has had extramarital partner</b>	9.8	3.4	18.3
<b>HIV-positive</b>	4.2	5.7	2.4
<b>Worried about HIV</b>	14.8	15.6	13.8
<b>FERTILITY OUTCOMES</b>			
<b>Mean no. of children desired</b>	3.7	3.7	3.6
<b>Mean no. of children ever born</b>	1.2	1.7	0.7
<b>Mean no. of living children</b>	1.2	1.5	0.7

Notes: All values are percentages unless otherwise indicated. Sample sizes vary slightly. Percentages may not total 100.0 because of rounding.