

TABLE 5. Odds ratios and risk differences (with standard errors) from multivariate regressions examining associations of orphanhood status and selected covariates with fertility-related behaviors among Malawian women aged 15–25

Characteristic	Ever been married‡	No. of children desired§	No. of children ever born§
ORPHANHOOD			
Mother's status			
Alive (ref)	1.00	0.00	0.00
Died in past 5 yrs.	0.63 (0.55)	0.52 (0.24)*	0.13 (0.58)
Died >5 yrs. ago	5.37 (0.03)*	0.15 (0.17)	0.26 (0.13)
Father's status			
Alive (ref)	1.00	0.00	0.00
Died in past 5 yrs.	1.97 (0.31)	0.00 (0.14)	–0.21 (0.32)
Died >5 yrs. ago	0.54 (0.24)	0.07 (0.17)	0.31 (0.03)*
COVARIATES			
Age	1.55 (0.00)***	0.08 (0.02)**	0.28 (0.00)***
Wealth	0.75 (0.00)***	–0.10 (0.03)*	0.02 (0.53)
No. of living children	13.50 (0.00)***	0.06 (0.03)*	na
Marital status			
Married (ref)	na	0.00	0.00
Never married	na	–0.08 (0.17)	–0.79 (0.00)***
Divorced/separated/widowed	na	–0.61 (0.21)*	–0.11 (0.61)
Region			
Central (ref)	1.00	0.00	0.00
South	0.99 (0.97)	0.23 (0.13)	0.03 (0.79)
North	0.40 (0.03)*	–0.04 (0.14)	–0.09 (0.54)
Education			
None (ref)	1.00	0.00	0.00
Primary	0.35 (0.22)	–0.14 (0.16)	–0.52 (0.00)*
≥secondary	0.21 (0.10)†	–0.26 (0.22)	–0.87 (0.00)***

*p≤.05. **p≤.01. ***p≤.001. †p≤.10. ‡Results reported as odds ratios. §Results reported as risk differences. Notes: Sixteen respondents were excluded from analysis of number of children desired because they answered “don't know” or “undetermined” to the relevant survey question. Regressions used in these analyses were logistic (ever been married) and ordinary least squares (remaining outcomes). ref=reference category. na=not applicable.