

Table 4 Age-adjusted and multivariate-adjusted odds ratios of sociodemographic characteristics of married and unmarried adults aged  $\geq 65$  years

Sociodemographic variable	Married				Unmarried <sup>a</sup>			
	Age-adjusted		Multivariate adjusted		Age-adjusted		Multivariate adjusted	
	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI
Age (years)								
65–79		Ref.				Ref.		
$\geq 80$	1.77 <sup>b</sup>	1.06–2.95	1.36	0.76–2.45	1.71 <sup>b</sup>	1.15–2.56	1.79 <sup>b</sup>	1.08–2.93
Sex								
Male		Ref.				Ref.		
Female	1.05	0.70–1.57	0.99	0.64–1.53	1.20	0.75–1.89	0.98	0.58–1.66
Region								
Beirut		Ref.				Ref.		
Other	0.50 <sup>b</sup>	0.30–0.82	0.36 <sup>b</sup>	0.20–0.63	0.44 <sup>b</sup>	0.28–0.68	0.40 <sup>b</sup>	0.24–0.67
No. of sons alive								
0		Ref.				Ref.		
$\geq 1$	1.23	0.60–2.53	0.96	0.44–2.10	4.08 <sup>b</sup>	1.77–9.41	5.40 <sup>b</sup>	2.12–13.7
No. of daughters alive								
0		Ref.				Ref.		
$\geq 1$	2.23	0.92–5.37	2.07	0.82–5.26	1.80	0.93–3.48	0.85	0.40–1.83
Literacy								
No formal schooling		Ref.				Ref.		
Other	0.76	0.51–1.13	0.91	0.59–1.42	0.76	0.51–1.13	1.16	0.72–1.87
Per capita income (US\$/month)								
$\leq 50$		Ref.				Ref.		
50– $\leq 150$	0.52 <sup>b</sup>	0.32–0.82	0.52 <sup>b</sup>	0.32–0.86	0.39 <sup>b</sup>	0.23–0.67	0.38 <sup>b</sup>	0.21–0.69
$\geq 150$	0.29 <sup>b</sup>	0.17–0.50	0.26 <sup>b</sup>	0.14–0.48	0.14 <sup>b</sup>	0.08–0.27	0.12 <sup>b</sup>	0.06–0.25
Government aid								
No		Ref.				Ref.		
Yes	2.02	0.78–5.23	2.19	0.81–5.90	1.94	0.77–4.93	2.31	0.80–6.65

<sup>a</sup>Single, divorced, separated and widowed; <sup>b</sup>P < 0.05.

Ref. = reference category.

OR = odds ratio; CI = confidence interval.