

Table 2 Bivariate correlates of elevated symptoms of global distress, depression and anxiety among the sample of Palestinian youth (n = 2481) aged 15–24 years, 2014

Variable	Elevated global distress symptoms (%)		Elevated depression symptoms (%)		Elevated anxiety symptoms (%)	
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Being female	38.4 ^{***}	63.6 ^{***}	36.5 ^{***}	60.9 ^{***}	41.5 ^{***}	64.3 ^{***}
Age	18.7 ^{***}	19.4 ^{***}	18.7 ^{***}	19.4 ^{***}	18.9 ^{***}	19.3 ^{***}
Refugee	25.3	26.7	24.1	27.4	25.8	26.1
Live in rural location	70.1	71.7	69.1	72.2	70.1	72.1
Currently attending school	65.0 ^{**}	59.5 ^{**}	65.7 ^{**}	59.9 ^{**}	64.3 [*]	59.5 [*]
Currently working	19.9 [*]	16.9 [*]	20.1	17.3	20.2 ^{**}	15.7 ^{**}
Wealth (asset) index	0.005	-0.005	0.011	-0.009	0.011	-0.018
Married or engaged	13.8 ^{***}	20.8 ^{***}	14.2 ^{**}	19.3 ^{**}	14.5 ^{***}	21.4 ^{***}
Very religious	20.8	18.4	21.4 [*]	18.3 [*]	21.0 [*]	17.4 [*]
Father is alive	95.6 ^{***}	91.5 ^{***}	95.6 ^{**}	92.2 ^{**}	95.2 ^{***}	91.3 ^{***}
Mother is alive	99.3 ^{***}	97.5 ^{***}	99.2 ^{**}	97.9 ^{**}	99.2 ^{***}	97.3 ^{***}
Has someone to turn to for support	83.4	82.8	82.8	83.4	16.9	16.7
Fatalism	2.00 ^{***}	2.08 ^{***}	1.98 ^{***}	2.08 ^{***}	2.01 ^{**}	2.08 ^{**}
Chance of having a good job by age 30 years	51.1 ^{***}	44.9 ^{***}	50.9 ^{***}	46.2 ^{***}	50.4 ^{***}	44.7 ^{***}
Currently using tobacco	73.4	75.0	74.2	74.1	73.0	76.1
Has ever used alcohol	7.7 ^{***}	14.0 ^{***}	7.3 ^{***}	13.2 ^{***}	8.4 ^{***}	14.2 ^{***}
Politically active	21.9 ^{***}	29.2 ^{***}	21.0 ^{***}	28.6 ^{***}	22.6 ^{***}	29.6 ^{***}
Sum of violence event exposure	2.56 ^{***}	3.24 ^{***}	2.45 ^{***}	3.22 ^{***}	2.64 ^{***}	3.27 ^{***}
Any violence exposure	81.1 ^{***}	89.6 ^{***}	80.2 ^{***}	88.9 ^{***}	82.3 ^{***}	89.5 ^{***}
Any personally experienced violence	42.4 ^{***}	51.9 ^{***}	40.9 ^{***}	51.5 ^{***}	42.8 ^{***}	53.3 ^{***}
Any witnessed violence	66.9 ^{***}	75.4 ^{***}	65.3 ^{***}	75.2 ^{***}	68.1 ^{***}	75.4 ^{***}
Any vicarious violence	63.5 ^{***}	75.4 ^{***}	61.6 ^{***}	74.9 ^{***}	65.7 ^{***}	74.5 ^{***}

Test for association of covariate and elevated symptomology of global distress, depression and anxiety was performed using chi squared test or 2-tailed independent t-test.

* $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$.