In 2007, older men were much more likely than older women to be married. Over three-quarters (78 percent) of men age 65–74 were married, compared with over one-half (57 percent) of women in the same age group. The proportion married is lower at older ages: 38 percent of women age 75–84 and 15 percent of women age 85 and over were married. For men, the proportion married also is lower at older ages but not as low as for older women. Even among the oldest old, the majority of men were married (60 percent).

Widowhood is more common among older women than older men. Women age 65 and over were three times as likely as men of the same age to be widowed, 42 percent compared with 13 percent. The proportion widowed is higher at older ages, and the proportion widowed is higher for women than men. In 2007, 76 percent of women age 85 and over were widowed, compared with 34 percent of men.

Relatively small proportions of older men (8 percent) and women (10 percent) were divorced in 2007. A small proportion of the older population had never married.

All comparisons presented for this indicator are significant at 0.10 confidence level. Data for this indicator's chart and bullets can be found in Table 3.