

Health.

Each person was asked to describe their health. Did they think that it was good, fair, or poor for their age. How do their answers compare with disability score and age. Table 10 shows the percentage of men and women with six disability scores according to whether they felt their health was good, fair or poor for their age. Table 11 shows the percentage of men and women, ^{of different age groups}, according to whether they feel good, fair or poor health for age.

~~Both tables suggest that women are more pessimistic than men, with increasing disability a higher proportion of individuals feel that their health is poor for age.~~

Table 10 shows that for both men and women, not surprisingly, increasing disability means that a higher proportion of individuals feel that their health is poor for age. Noticeably men tend to opt for both extremes while women take the middle answer with increasing disability. If you look at the optimistic men, it would appear that men are more satisfied than women about their health. The opposite conclusion can be drawn if one looks at the 'pessimistic answers'. More men than women feel that their health is poor.

Table 11 gives a slightly different picture. There very little difference between sexes in their answers. Generally men are slightly more satisfied than women except among the middle age groups (40-59). But not surprisingly the trend is similar in direction to Table 10. Both men and women feel that their health is poor for ^{their} age with increasing age.

