

Tables 2 and 3 show the complicated relationship between age, sex, marital status and disability score. The problem with both tables is that some cells have very few numbers, which makes it difficult to generalize.

The suggestion is that slightly more single young people are disabled than those who are married. Naturally with age more and more widowed people are disabled. But for women approaching retirement it is interesting that a higher proportion of widowed women are moderately or severely disabled compared to married women of the same age group. These women will be slightly older than the married women but this alone does not explain the difference. It may be more to do with employment or several other factors than age.

