



Fast Facts -CSW 68

Older Women, Widows and Poverty*

Of the 258 million widows worldwide, at least 10% live in extreme poverty. Widows are particularly vulnerable to poverty as household income drops when her husband dies. Many widows lose their land and other resources due to traditional customs of patrilineal inheritance.

Marital status has a dramatic effect on poverty in the US for women aged 65 and up. Just 4.9% of married older women are poor while 16.3% of older widows, 18.4% of divorced older women, and 26.1% of older women who never married are poor.

Ethnic differences affect poverty rates of American women over age 65 with 9.1% of white non-Hispanic women, 14.9% of Asian women, 18.5% of Native American women, 19.1% of Black women, 19.8% of Latina women being considered poor.



*For more information on this topic go to:

<https://www.uswomenscaucus.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Lee-Widows-and-Older-Women.pdf>



Upcoming Events

Strengthening Ties Between the United States and the UN

Friday, March 15 4:30 PM EDT

In-person- Event CCUN, 8th floor

Who's Minding the Kids? US Childcare as Vital Infrastructure

Tuesday, March 19 2:30 PM EDT - Virtual

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