

TABLE 11.3 Prevalence of Sexual Problems in Older Americans by Age and Gender

WOMEN					MEN			
PERCENTAGE					PERCENTAGE			
	AGE 57–64	AGE 65–74	AGE 75–85	TREND TEST	AGE 57–64	AGE 65–74	AGE 75–85	TREND TEST
Lack of sexual interest	44.2 (3.7)	38.4 (4.4)	49.3 (6.2)	0.403	28.2 (3.5)	28.6 (2.9)	24.2 (3.9)	0.920
Erectile problems					30.7 (2.7)	44.6 (2.9)	43.5 (4.5)	<0.001
Vaginal lubrication problems	35.9 (3.2)	43.2 (4.2)	43.6 (7.8)	0.125				
Premature climax	9.2 (1.5)	6.9 (2.1)	8.5 (3.7)	0.874	29.6 (3.0)	28.1 (2.4)	2.13 (4.0)	0.406
Inability to climax	34.0 (3.0)	32.8 (3.9)	38.2 (7.2)	0.129	16.2 (2.1)	22.7 (2.6)	33.2 (4.1)	<0.001
Pain during intercourse	17.8 (2.2)	18.6 (3.9)	11.8 (3.7)	0.450	3.0 (0.9)	3.2 (1.0)	1.0 (0.7)	0.125
Lack of pleasure in sex	24.0 (3.0)	22.0 (3.5)	24.9 (5.0)	0.909	3.8 (0.7)	7.0 (1.7)	5.1 (1.9)	0.075
Performance anxiety	10.4 (2.1)	12.5 (3.2)	9.9 (4.1)	0.850	25.1 (2.0)	28.9 (3.0)	29.3 (4.7)	0.094
Avoided sex due to problems	34.3 (4.7)	30.5 (4.5)	22.7 (6.6)	0.114	22.1 (2.4)	30.1 (3.4)	25.7 (5.4)	0.256

Notes: These questions were asked only of participants reporting sex in the preceding year.
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