

Table 1 Distribution of sociodemographic factors of adults aged ≥ 65 years stratified by marital status

Sociodemographic variables	Total		Married		Unmarried ^a		P-value
	(n = 1630)		(n = 1071)		(n = 559)		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Age (years)							
65–69	504	30.9	375	35.0	129	23.1	< 0.001
70–74	540	33.1	378	35.3	162	29.0	
75–79	326	20.0	198	18.5	128	22.9	
80–84	178	10.9	91	8.5	87	15.6	
≥ 85	83	5.1	30	2.8	53	9.5	
Mean (SD)	73.2 (6.1)		72.3 (5.5)		74.9 (6.8)		< 0.001
Sex							
Male	841	51.6	723	67.5	118	21.1	< 0.001
Female	788	48.4	348	32.5	440	78.9	
Region							
Beirut	224	13.7	117	10.9	107	19.1	< 0.001
Beka'a	177	10.9	126	11.8	51	9.1	
Mount Lebanon	632	38.7	394	36.8	238	42.5	
Nabatieh	125	7.7	92	8.6	33	5.9	
North	310	19.0	220	20.5	90	16.1	
South	163	10.0	122	11.4	41	7.3	
No. of sons alive							
0	111	6.8	86	6.3	43	7.7	0.006
1–2	673	41.3	422	39.4	251	44.9	
3–4	578	35.5	382	35.7	196	35.1	
≥ 5	268	16.4	199	18.6	69	12.3	
No. of daughters alive							
0	107	6.6	68	6.4	39	7.0	0.510
1–2	703	43.2	451	42.1	252	45.1	
3–4	540	33.1	359	33.6	181	32.4	
≥ 5	279	17.1	192	17.9	87	15.6	
Literacy							
No formal schooling	948	59.0	588	55.6	360	65.3	< 0.001
\leq Preparatory	525	32.6	360	34.1	165	29.9	
Higher	135	8.4	109	10.3	26	4.7	
Per capita income (US\$/month)							
≤ 50	270	16.6	199	18.6	71	12.7	< 0.001
50– ≤ 100	375	23.0	247	23.1	128	22.9	
100– ≤ 150	273	16.7	167	15.6	106	19.0	
150– ≤ 200	177	10.9	138	12.9	39	7.0	
≥ 200	375	23.0	224	20.9	151	27.0	
No response	160	9.8	96	9	64	11.4	

^aSingle, divorced, separated and widowed.

SD = standard deviation.