

CPS Partnership Analysis Results

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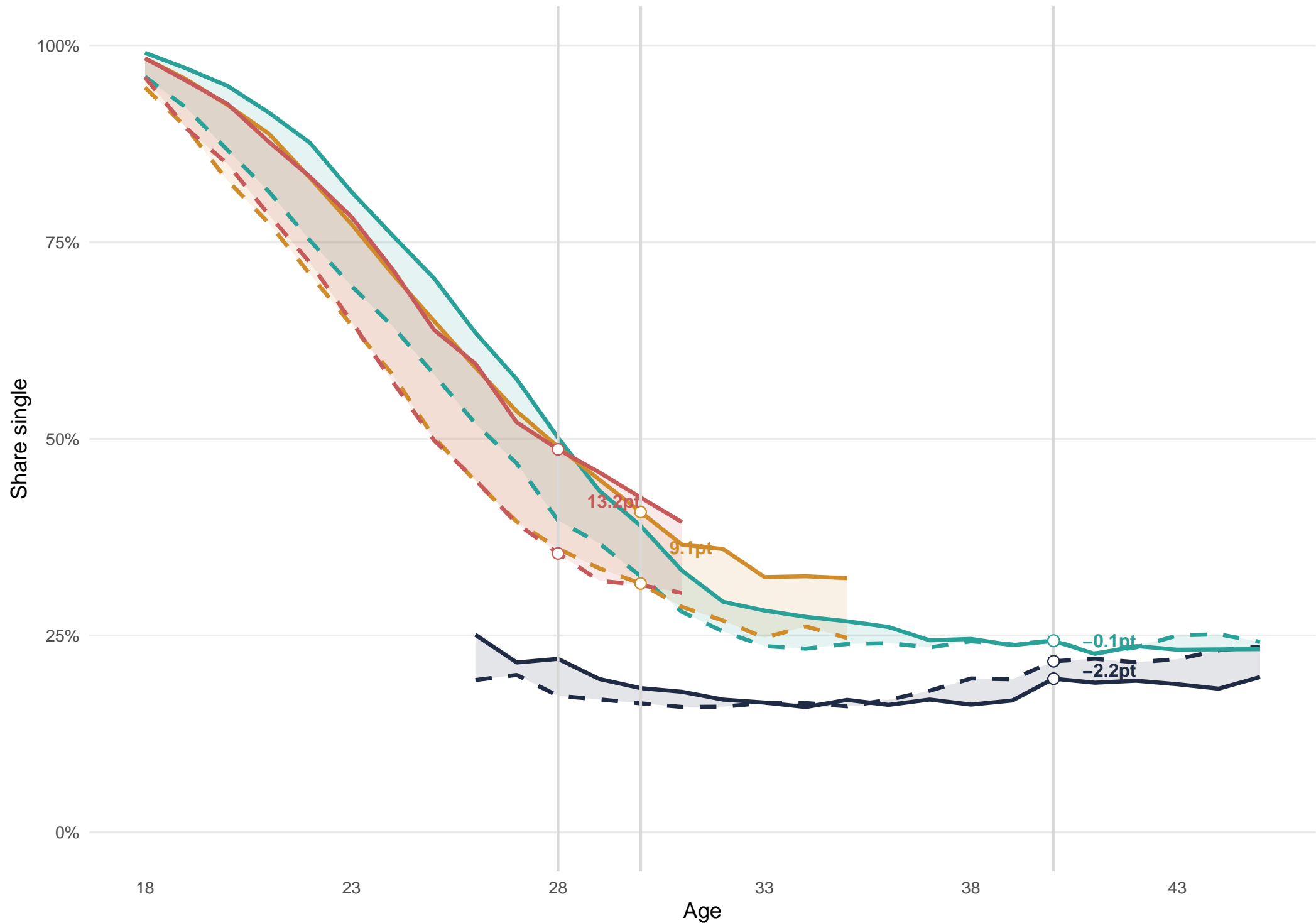
Data: IPUMS-CPS 1962 – 2025

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The gender gap in singlehood has widened dramatically

Share single (not married, not cohabiting) by age. Shaded area = gender gap.
White non-Hispanic. Solid = Men, Dashed = Women.



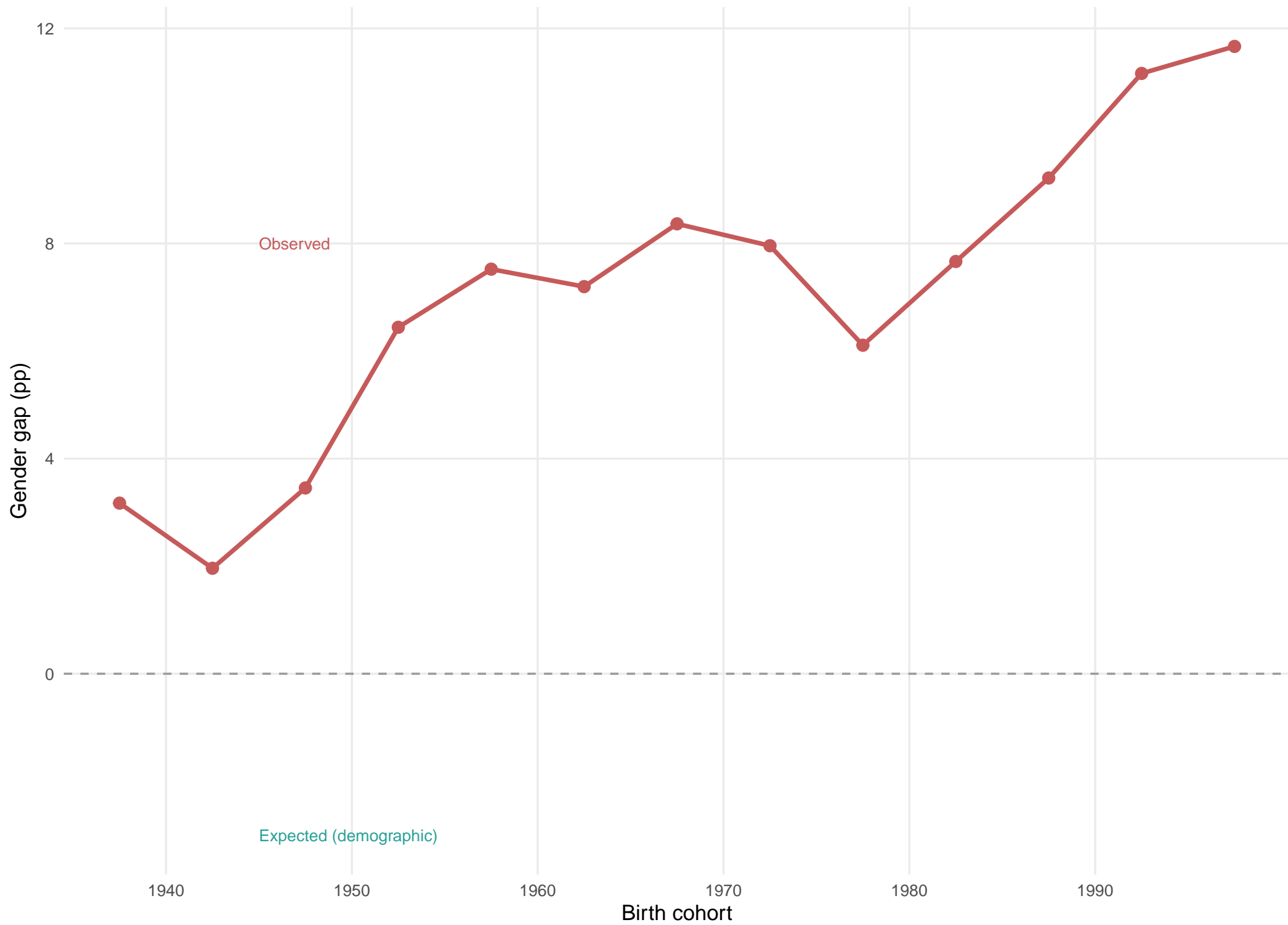
The gender gap in singlehood has accelerated

Gap in share single (Men – Women) at ages 28–32, by birth cohort, percentage points
White non-Hispanic



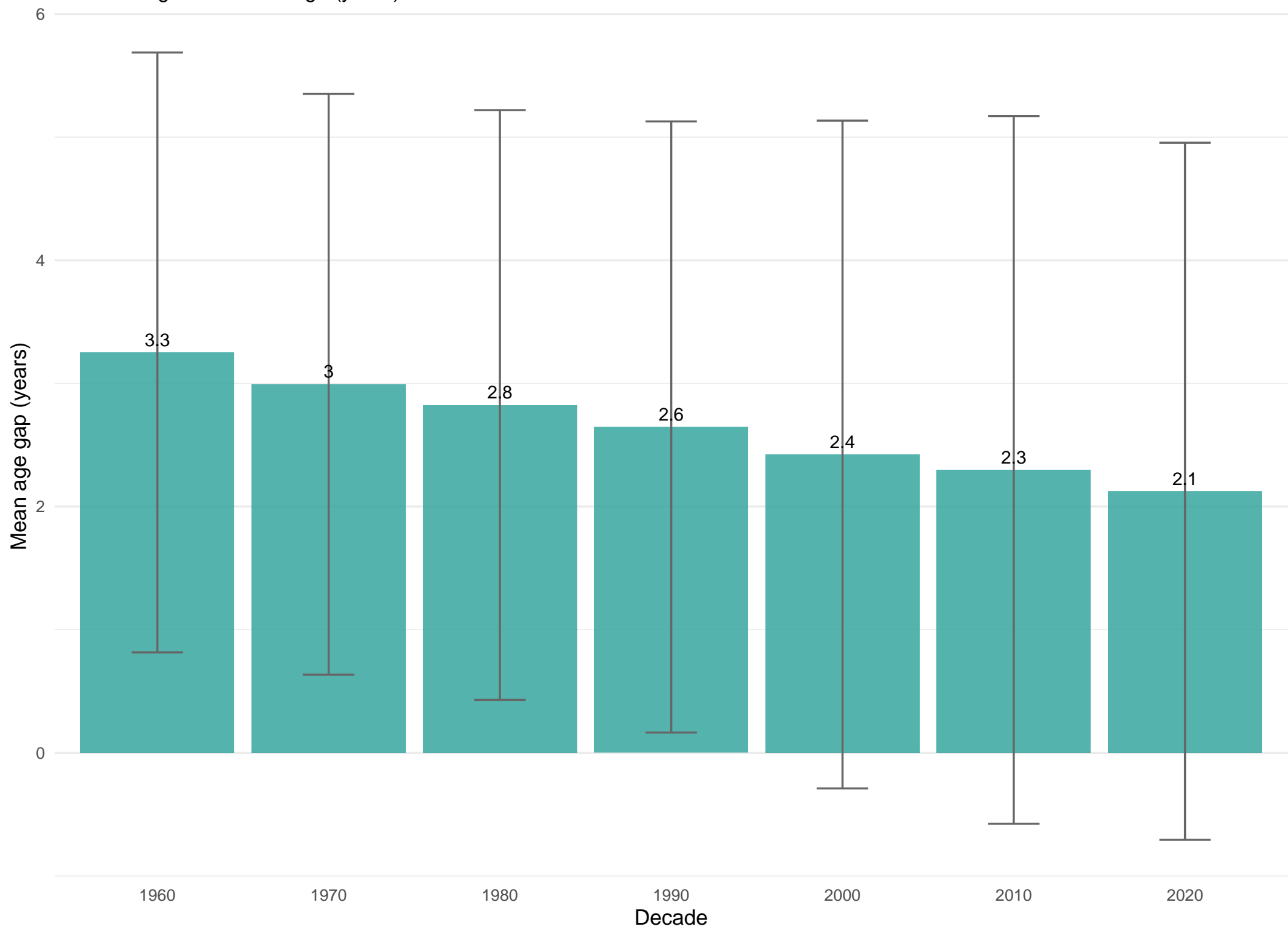
Observed gap exceeds demographic expectations

Gender gap at ages 28–32 (pp). Dashed = expected from cohort sizes + age–gap preferences.



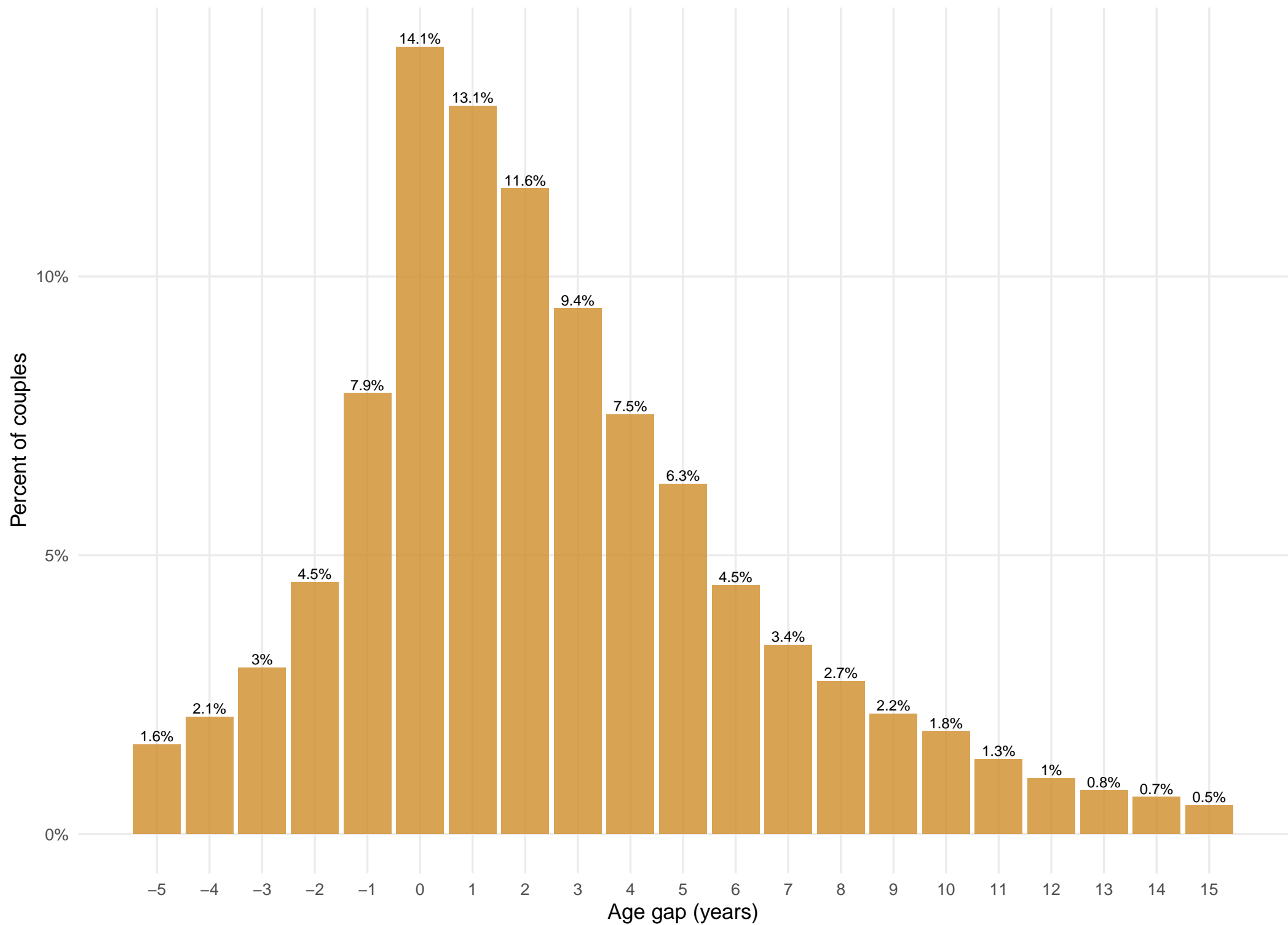
Mean Spousal Age Gap by Decade

Husband age minus wife age (years). Error bars = ± 0.5 SD.



Spousal Age Gap Distribution (2010s)

Husband age minus wife age. Positive = husband older.



Singlehood Rates by Cohort, Age, and Sex

(White Non-Hispanic)

Cohort	Age	Men	Women	Gap
1935–45	30	18.3%	16.4%	1.9 pp
1935–45	35	16.8%	16%	0.8 pp
1935–45	40	19.5%	21.7%	–2.2 pp
1975–79	25	70.4%	58.2%	12.2 pp
1975–79	30	39%	32.6%	6.4 pp
1975–79	35	26.8%	23.9%	2.9 pp
1975–79	40	24.3%	24.4%	–0.1 pp
1990–93 (pre-apps)	25	65%	50.2%	14.8 pp
1990–93 (pre-apps)	30	40.7%	31.6%	9.1 pp
1990–93 (pre-apps)	35	32.3%	24.7%	7.6 pp
1994–97 (post-apps)	25	63.9%	49.8%	14 pp
1994–97 (post-apps)	30	42.6%	31.4%	11.1 pp

Gender Gap (Men – Women) at Key Ages

Cohort	Age	Men	Women	Gap
1935–45	28	22%	17.3%	4.7 pp
1935–45	30	18.3%	16.4%	1.9 pp
1935–45	35	16.8%	16%	0.8 pp
1935–45	40	19.5%	21.7%	–2.2 pp
1975–79	25	70.4%	58.2%	12.2 pp
1975–79	28	50.2%	39.6%	10.5 pp
1975–79	30	39%	32.6%	6.4 pp
1975–79	35	26.8%	23.9%	2.9 pp
1975–79	40	24.3%	24.4%	–0.1 pp
1990–93 (pre-apps)	25	65%	50.2%	14.8 pp
1990–93 (pre-apps)	28	49%	36%	12.9 pp
1990–93 (pre-apps)	30	40.7%	31.6%	9.1 pp
1990–93 (pre-apps)	35	32.3%	24.7%	7.6 pp
1994–97 (post-apps)	25	63.9%	49.8%	14 pp
1994–97 (post-apps)	28	48.7%	35.4%	13.2 pp
1994–97 (post-apps)	30	42.6%	31.4%	11.1 pp

Observed vs Expected Gap (Demographic Adjustment)

Expected gap based on cohort sizes and age-gap preferences

