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Summary: Ever-married shares today are at historic lows for 35-year-old and 45-year-old men and women. For instance, only about 60% of 35-year-old men are ever-married today, down from 90% in 1980. This trend also suggests that a growing share of Americans will not get married before their healthiest years are long past them. This figure also shows dotted lines for forecasts (or future estimates). I forecast rates by taking younger Americans about whom we know at least some of their marital history, and assuming that their marriage rates in the future follow the trends of past birth cohorts, while also accounting for some degree of delay-and-catchup dynamics. The decline in marriage at age 25 may now be subsiding, but the effects of past delays will continue into older ages. This means that plausibly, one-third of men and women who turn 45 in 2050 (those who are about 18 or 19 today) will not have married.

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