With an unprecedented number of people retiring in the United States today, it is important for the philanthropic sector to understand how retirement affects charitable giving. This study is the first known scholarly research to explore this question—and to do so through a gender lens at a time when women have more wealth than ever before.

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How Women & Men Give Around Retirement

In contrast to a drop in overall spending, households generally maintain their level of charitable giving around retirement.

**Overall Spending**

**Charitable Giving**

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**SINGLE WOMEN & MARRIED COUPLES** are more likely to give, and give higher amounts, compared to single men—both before and after retirement.

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**SINGLE MEN’S** giving is more volatile compared to single women or married couples in the years surrounding retirement.

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Around retirement, **single women** and **married couples** are more likely to **VOLUNTEER**, and their likelihood of volunteering is more stable, compared to single men.

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**Single women** are the only group to increase their volunteering after retirement—a **4.7 percentage point increase**.

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