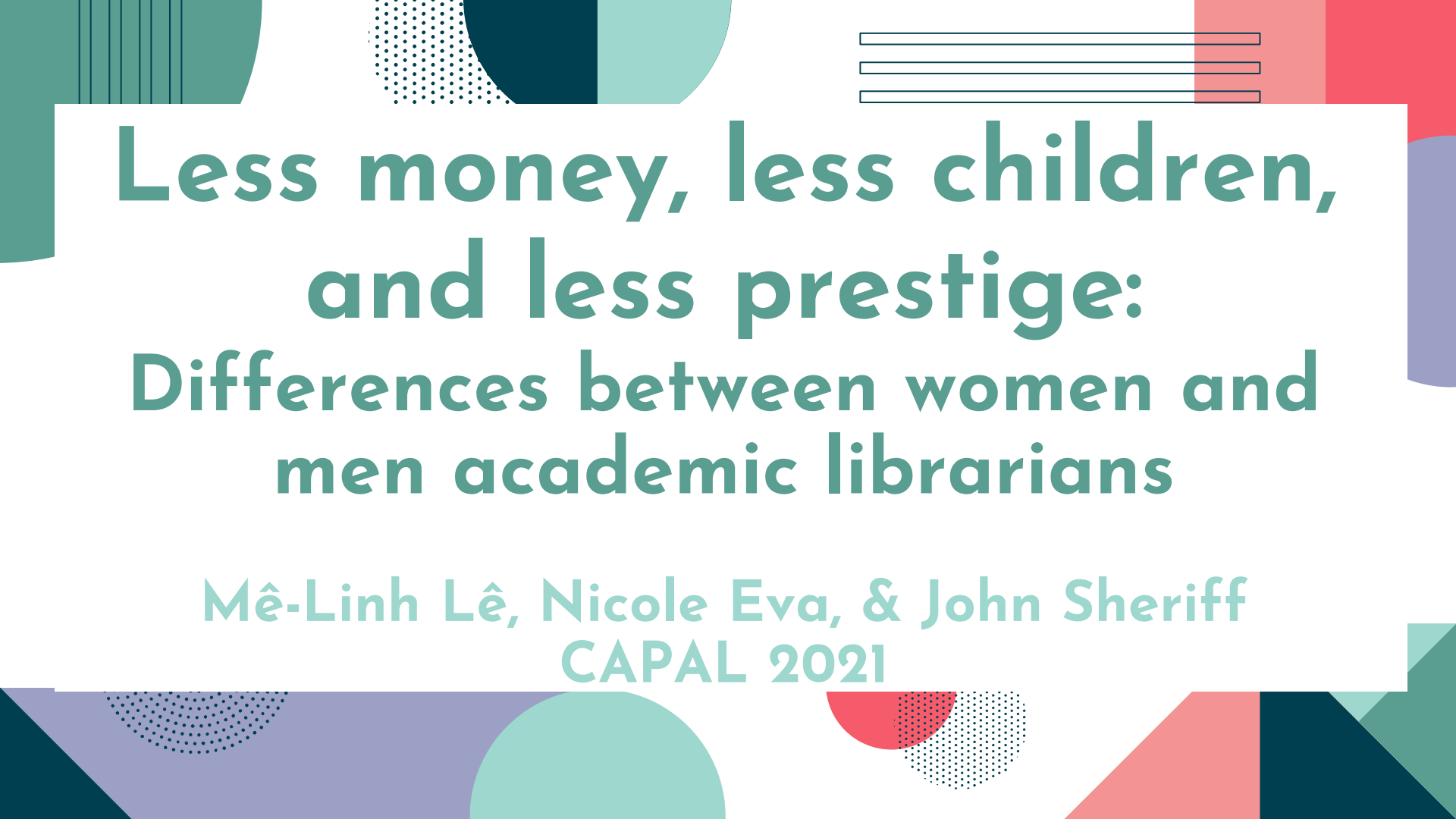




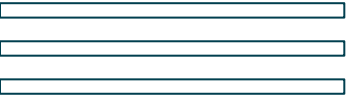
Less money, less children, and less prestige: Differences between women and men academic librarians

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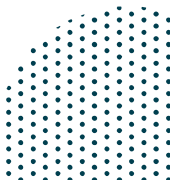
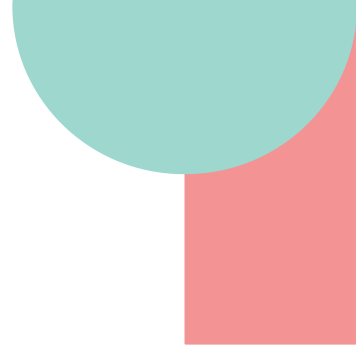
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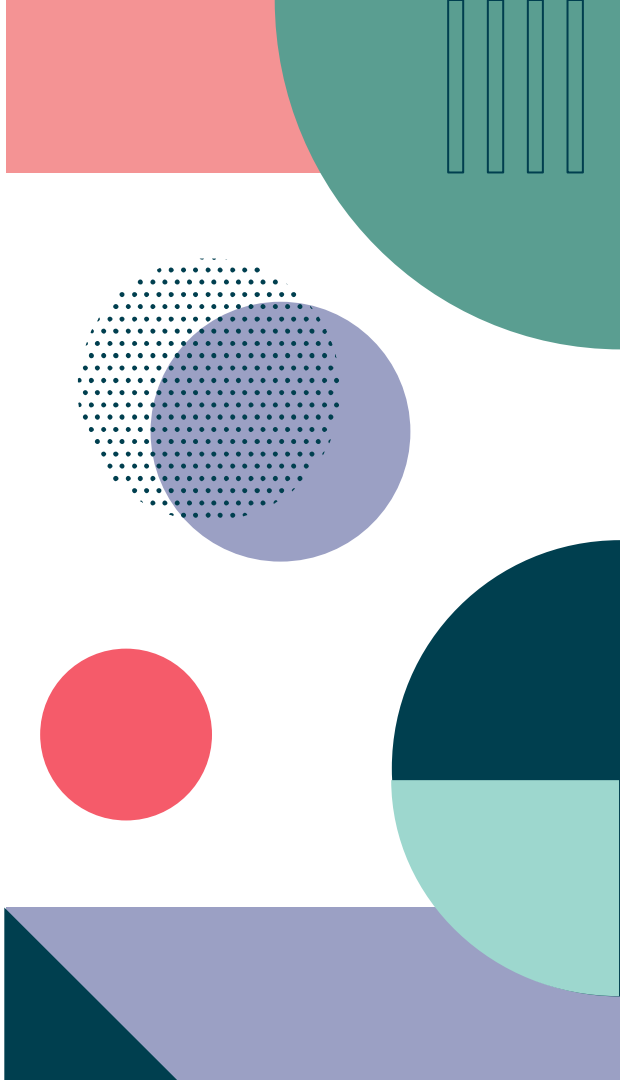
Background



Previous Research

"...I turned to our discipline's literature for insight into what mixing motherhood and academic librarianship might look like... But I did not find answers in our literature. Mothers were curiously and conspicuously absent... How was it possible that in a field bursting with women of all ages, mothers were nowhere to be seen?"

Gallin-Parisi, A. (2018, May 30). An academic librarian-mother in six stories. *In the Library with the Lead Pipe*. <http://www.inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2018/academic-librarian-mother>

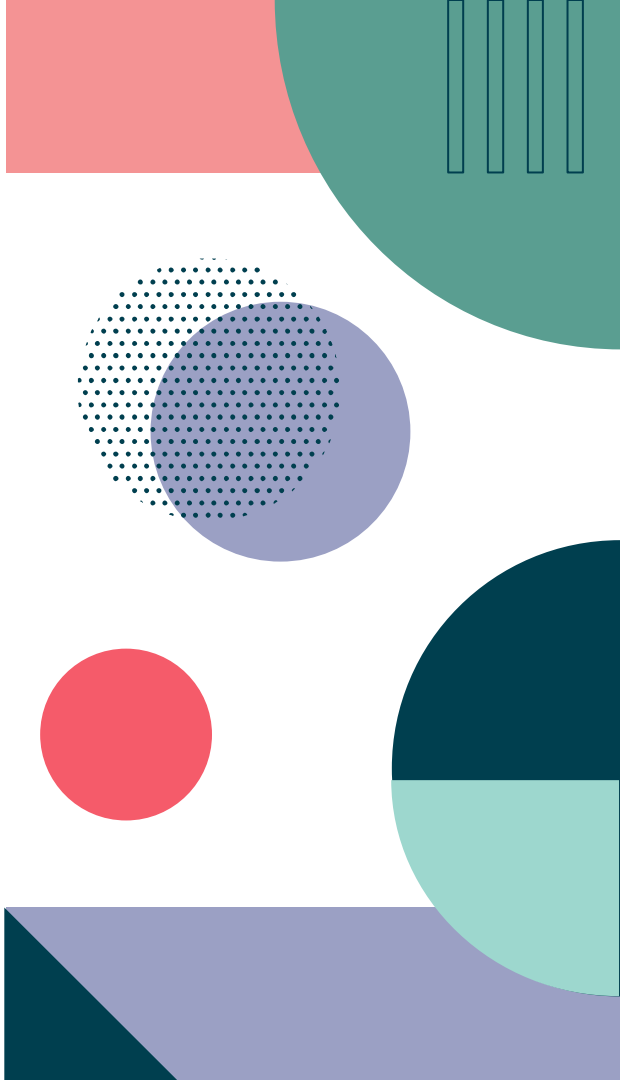


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CAPAL 2018 Census

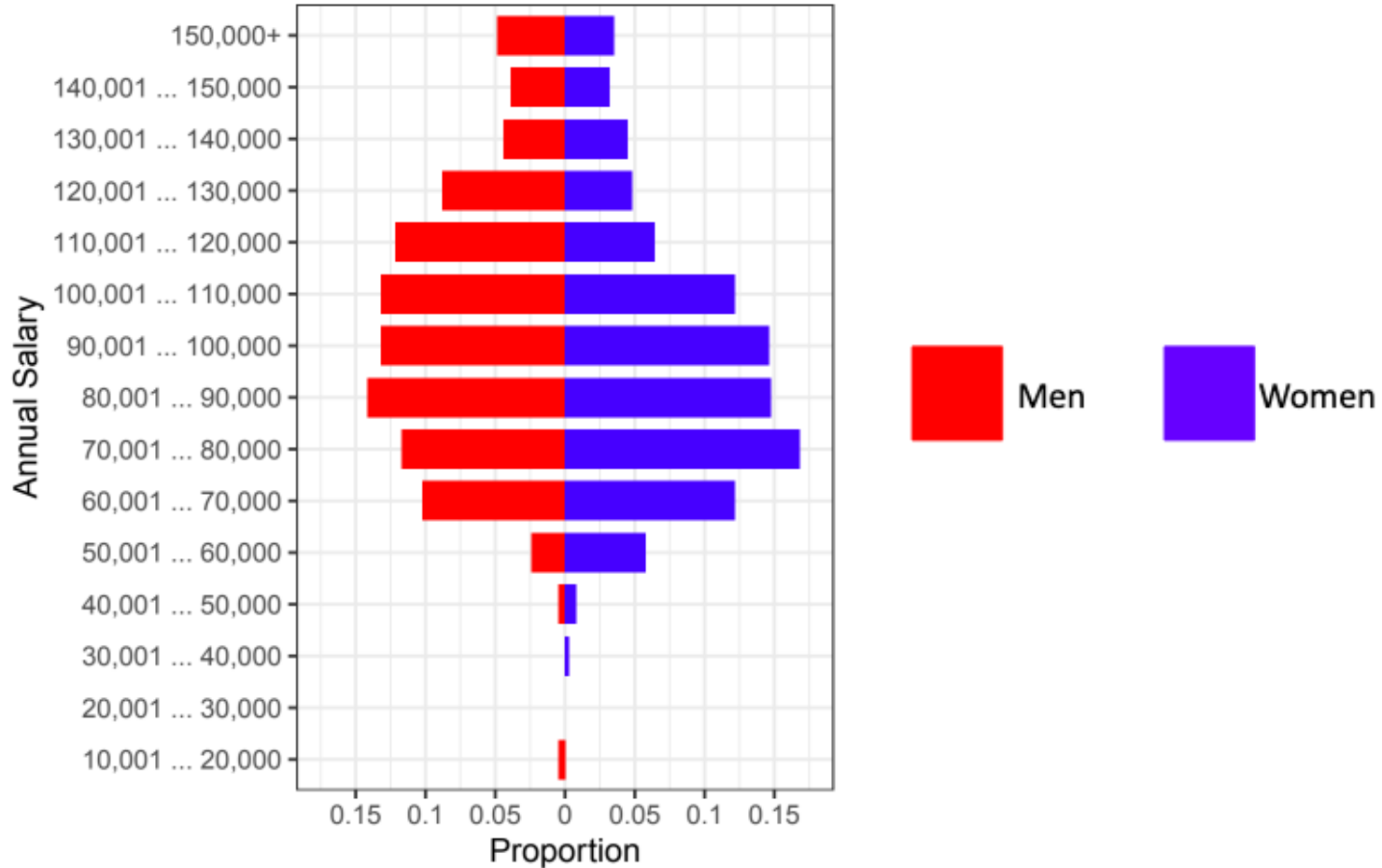
- 50% response rate (920)
- Anonymized linked data provided: Salary & Gender; Dependents & Gender; Rank & Gender; Salary & Dependents / Gender; Rank & Dependents, Salary & Rank / Gender
- Response rate for anything other than man/woman identified too small to include in analysis
- Manually modified rank



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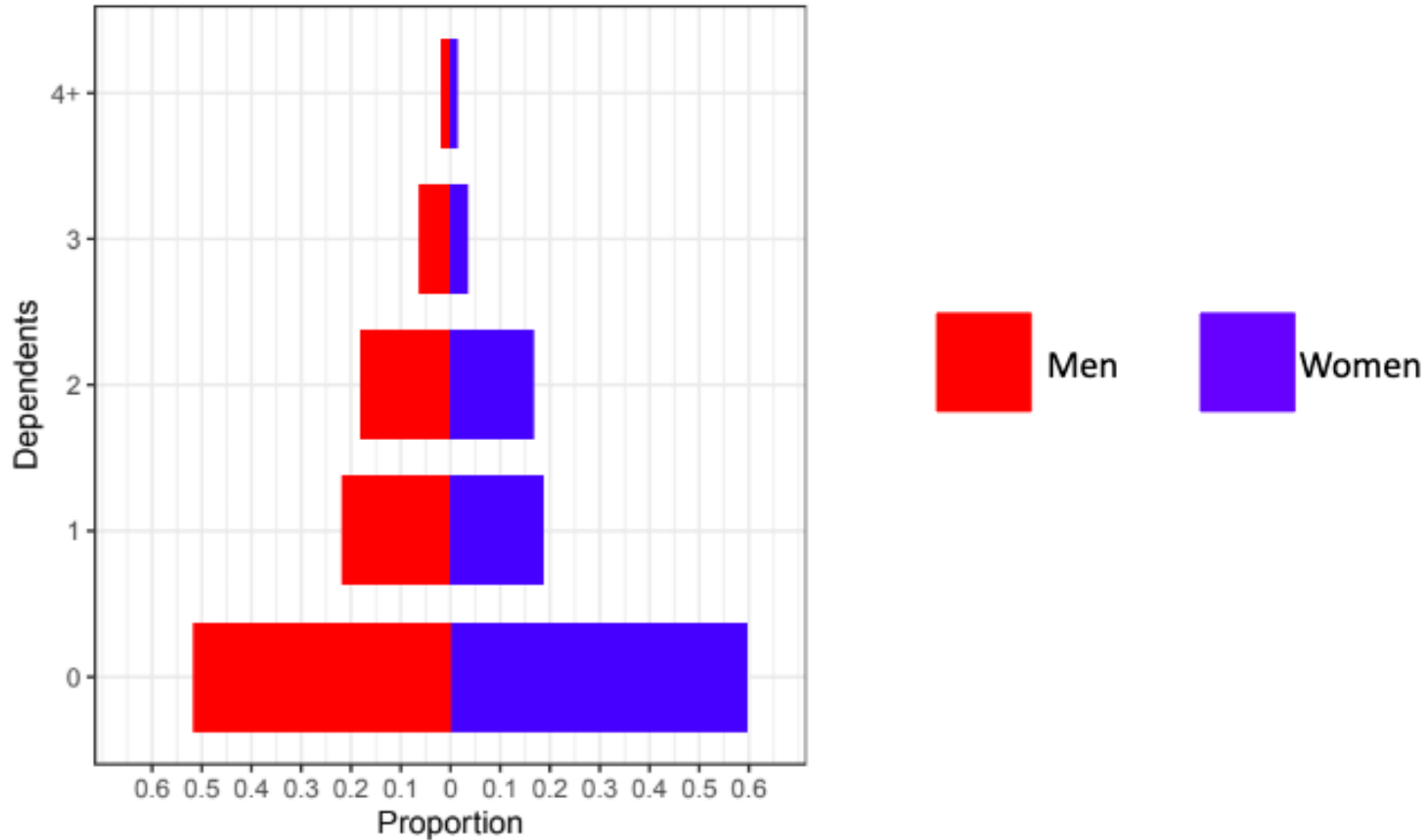
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- Women are more likely than men to make \$110,000 or less
- Over \$110,000/year, men have a greater concentration than women
- Women's median salaries ~\$10,000 less than men

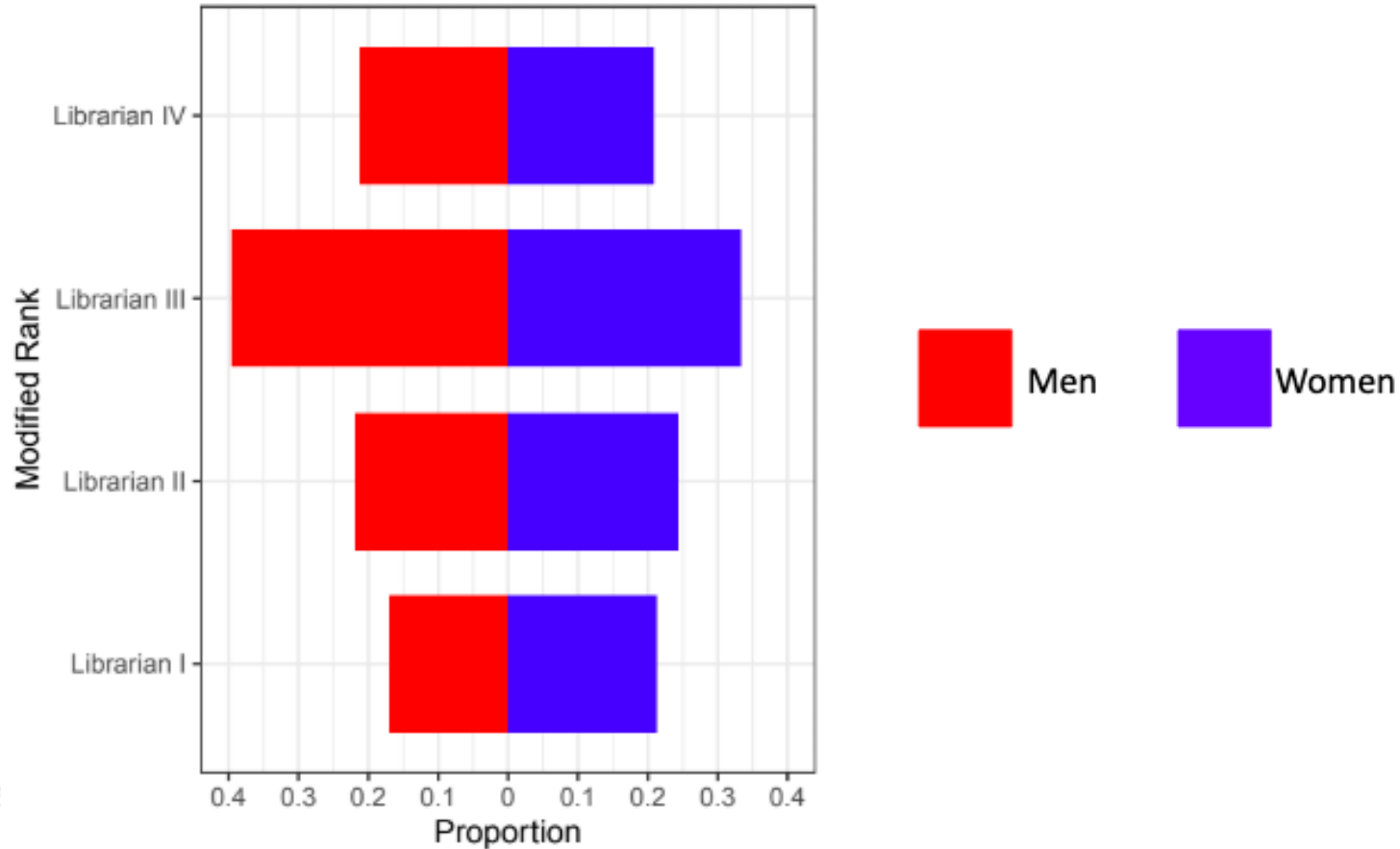
2. Dependents by Gender



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- ~50% of men have children
- ~40% of women have children
- Men are somewhat more likely to have a greater number of children
- Women are somewhat more likely to have fewer children

3. Modified Rank by Gender



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- More men at the higher ranks (III and IV)
- More women at the lower ranks (I and II)



4. Salary & Dependents

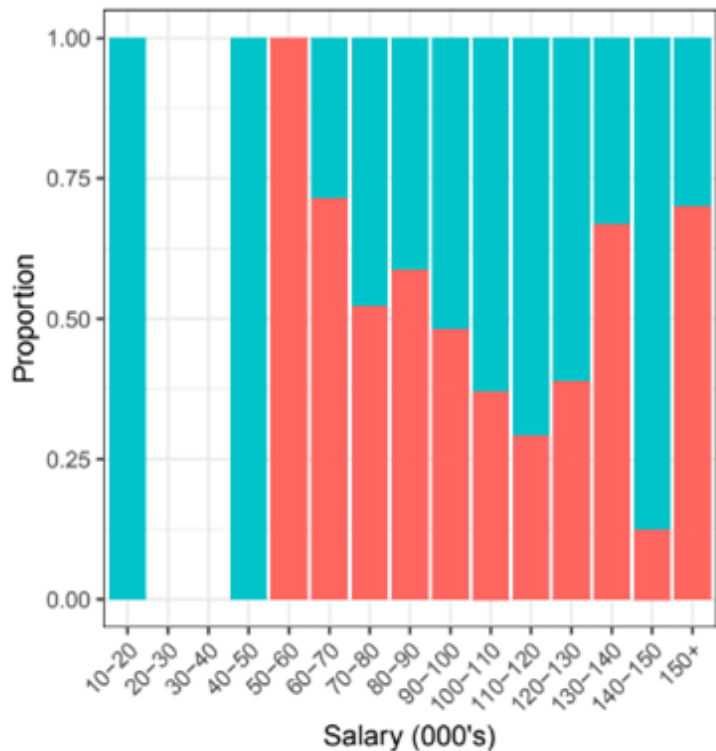


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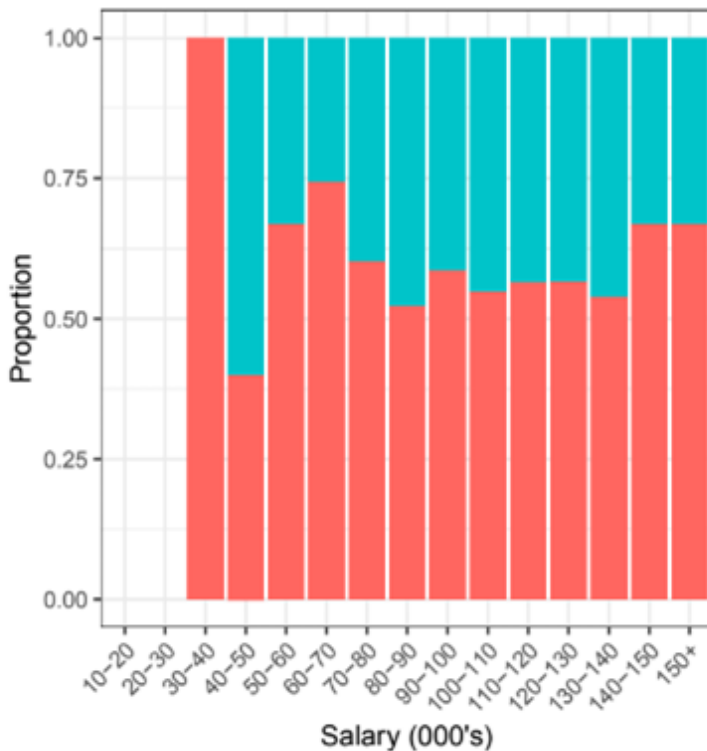
- As salary increases, the proportion with dependents increases
- At the upper end of the salary scale, the proportion with dependents decreases sharply
- Age complicates this; improved definition of dependents is needed

5. Dependents by Salary: Men/Women

Men



Women



Dependents ■ No ■ Yes

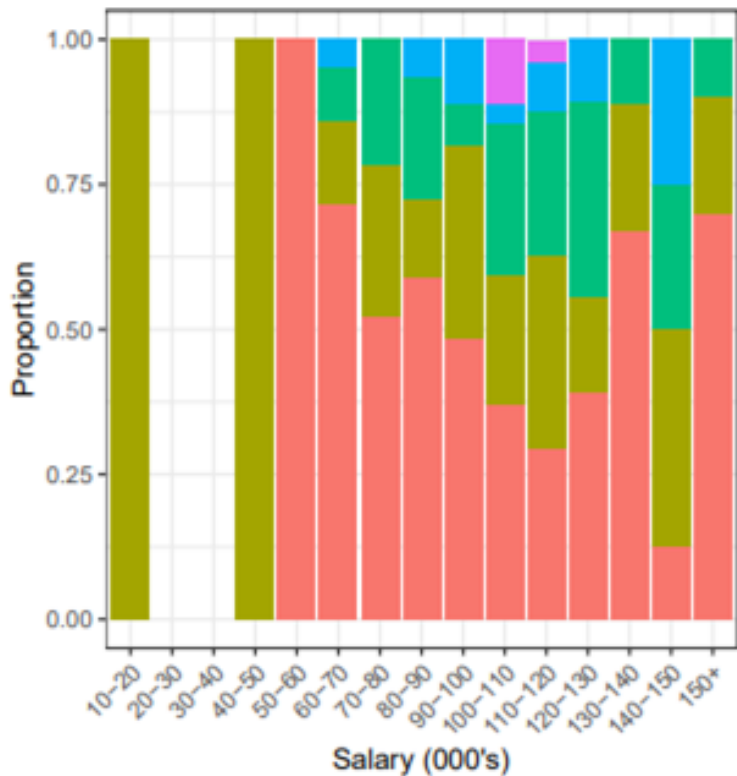
5. Dependents by Salary: Men/Women

- Men are more likely to have children as their salaries increase.
- At nearly all salary levels the proportion of women without children stays relatively stable

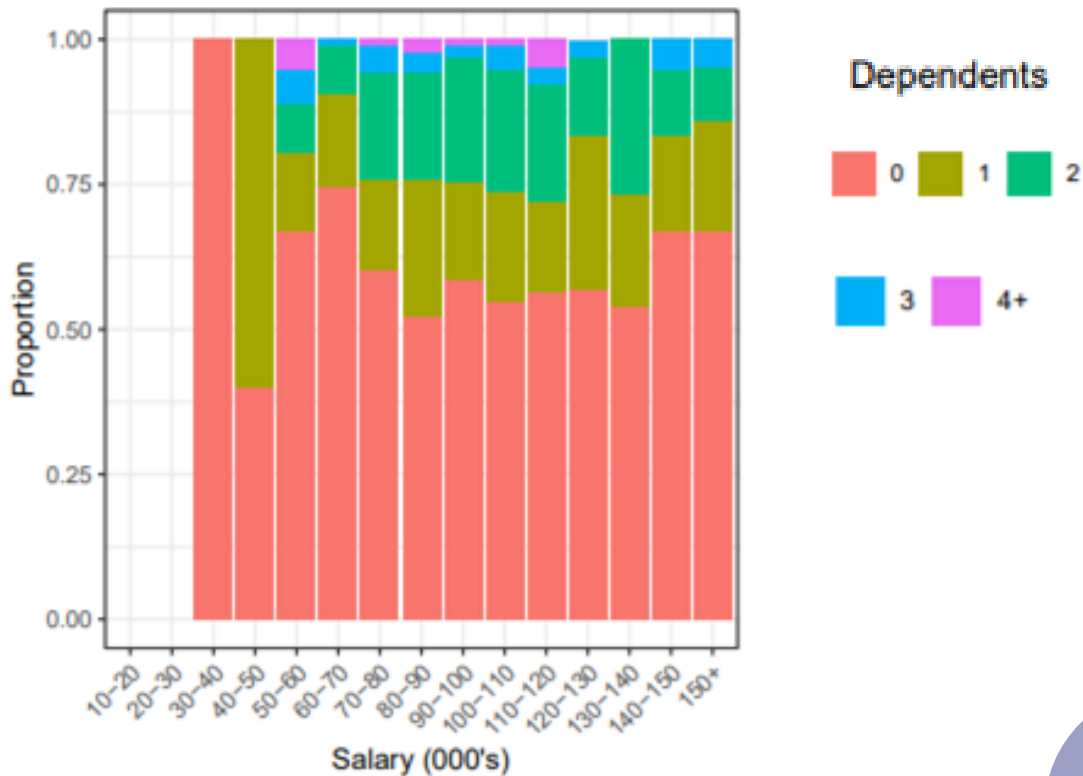


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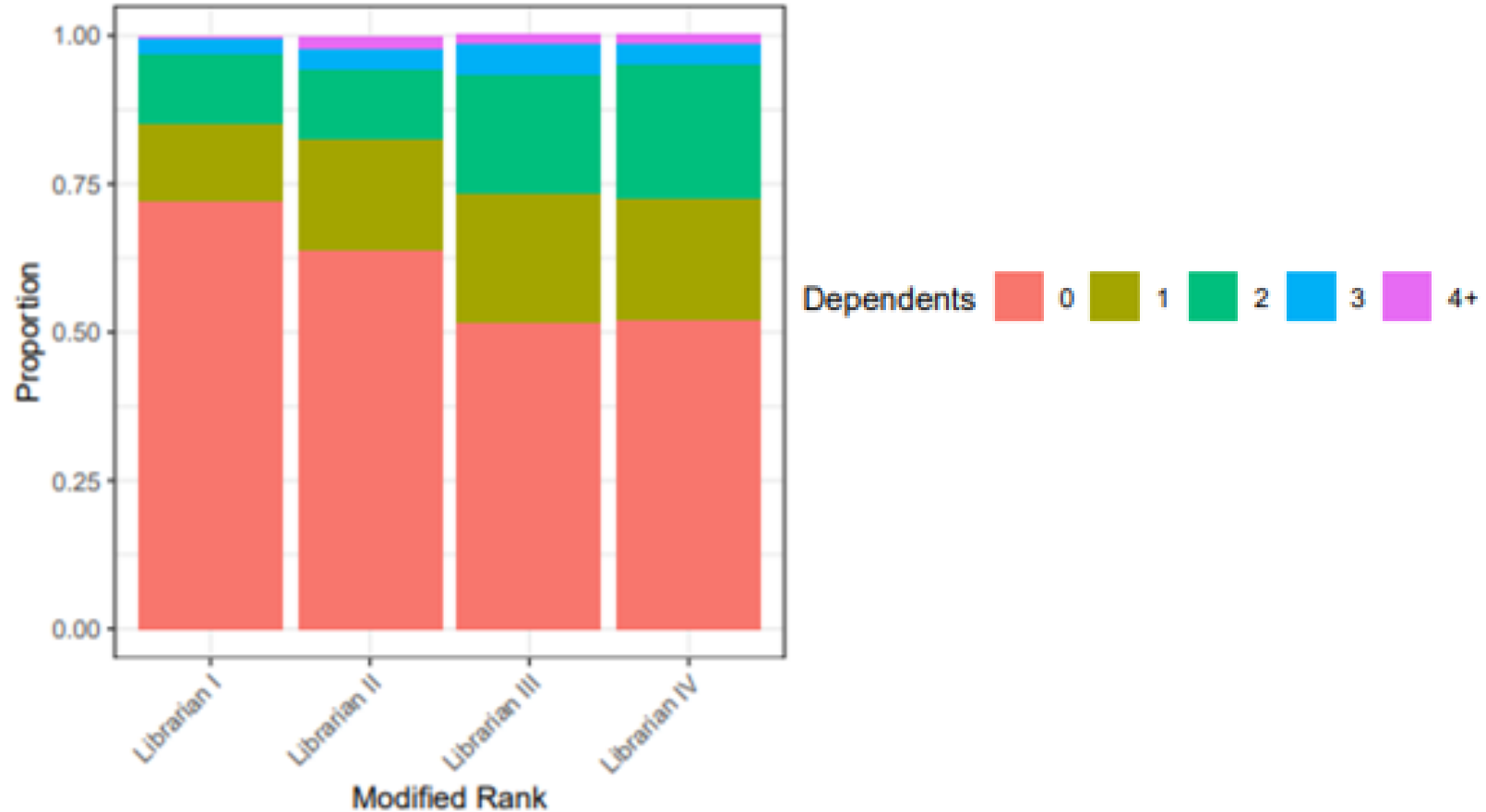
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6. # of Dependents by Salary: Men/Women

- Men have more children as their salaries increase
- Women have the same number of children as their salaries increase

7. Dependents by Modified Rank

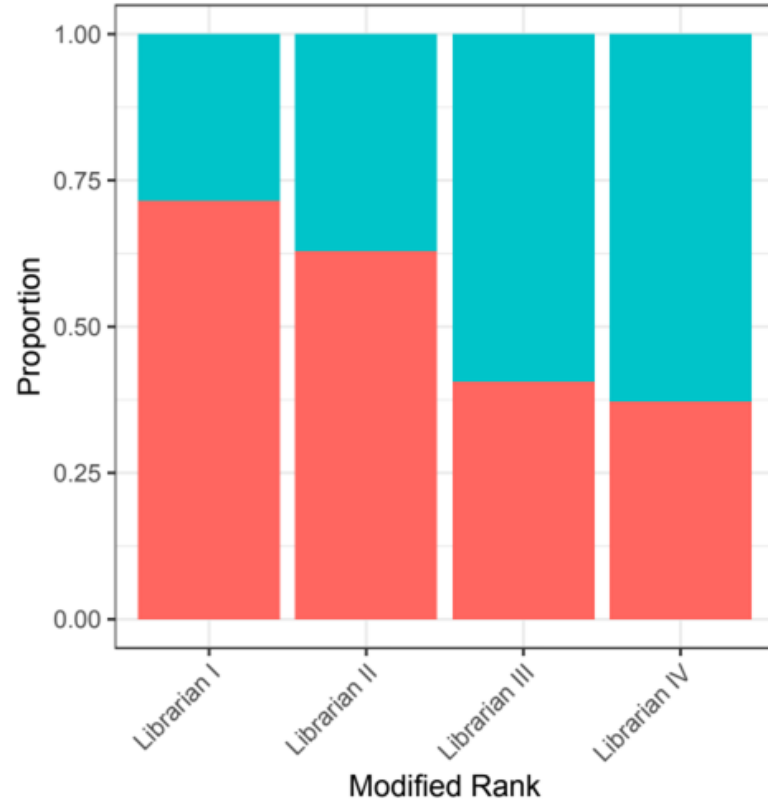


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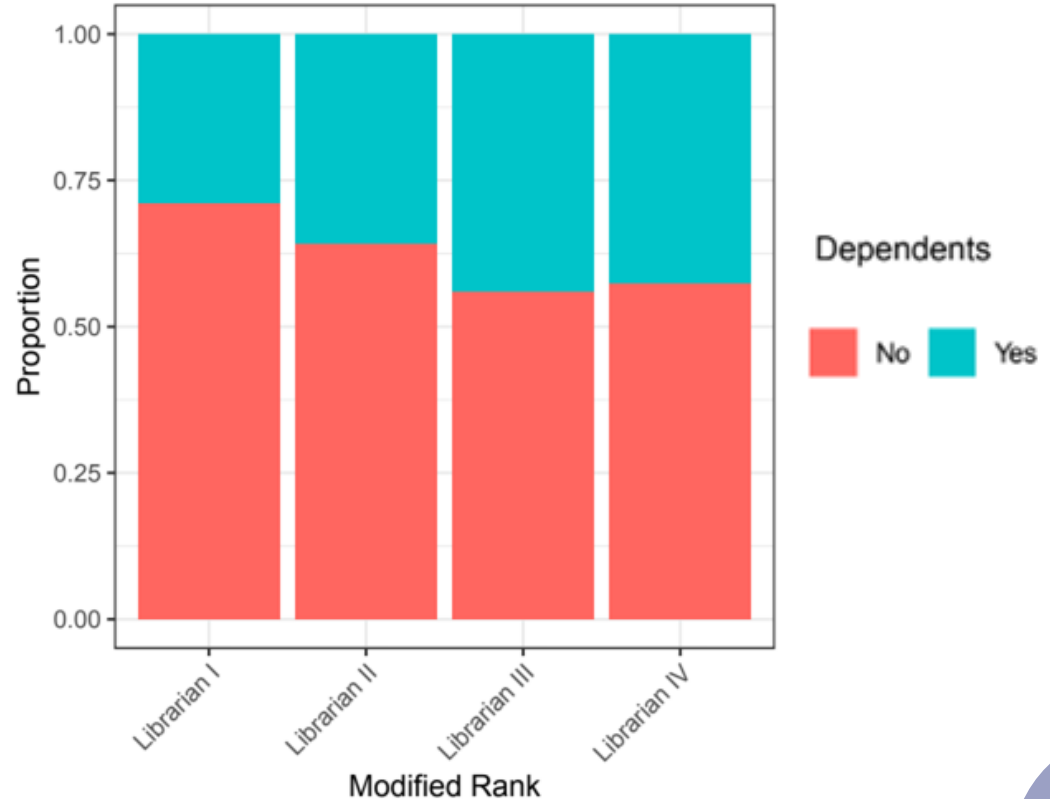
- Increase in rank (and likely age) leads to increase in number of dependants

8. Dependents by Rank: Men/Women

Men



Women



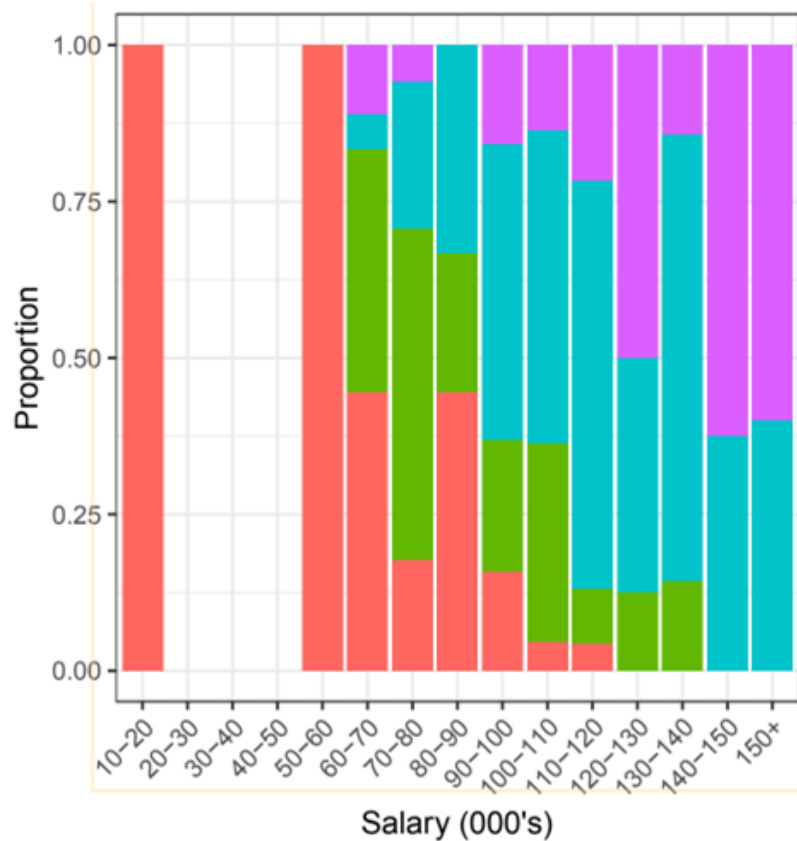
8. Dependents by Rank: Men/Women

- At Lib 1, 75% of men and women without dependents
- At Lib 4, 40% of men and 55% of women without dependents

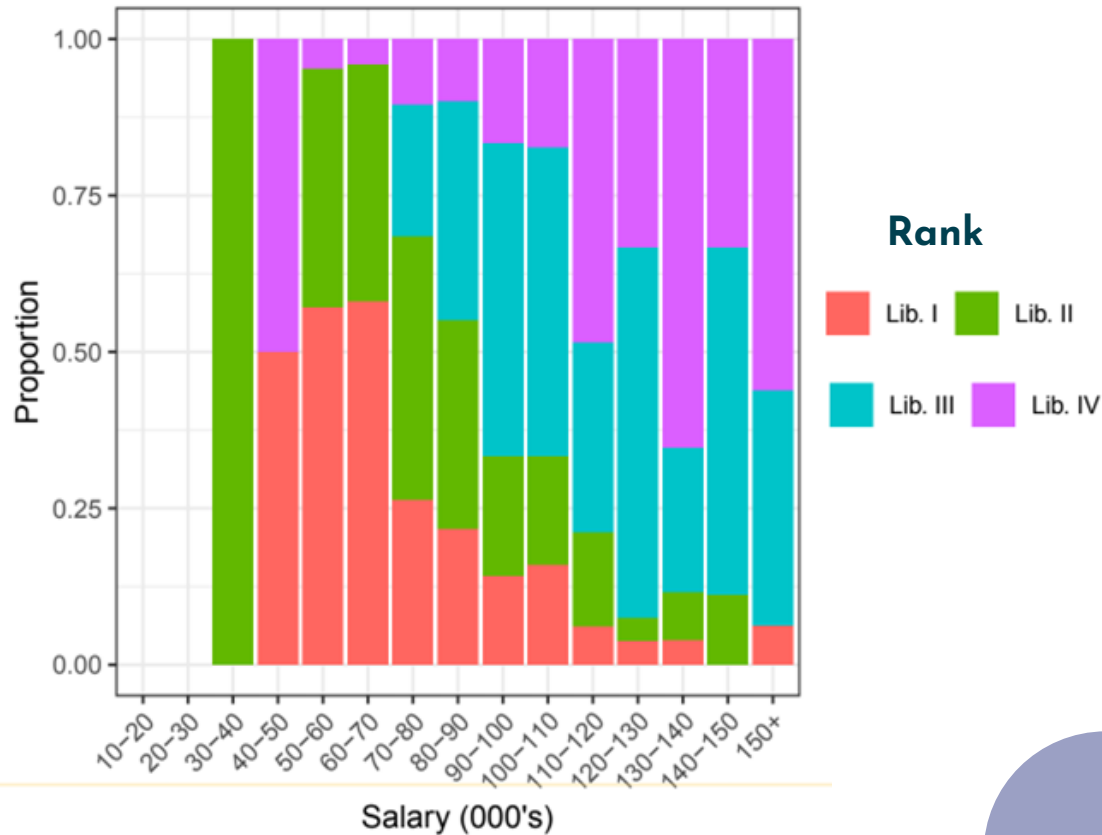


9. Rank by Salary

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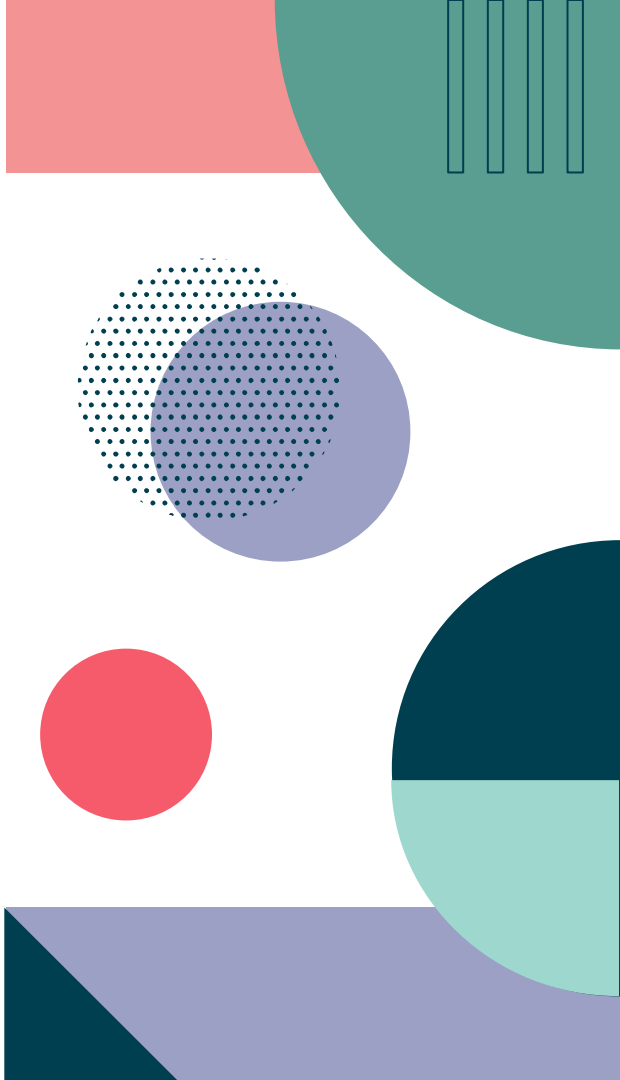


Women



9. Rank by Salary

- Women have higher salaries at Lib I and II than men



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Discussion

Discussion/recommendations

- Not particularly surprising
 - Less money (~\$10,000/year)
 - Lower ranks
 - Fewer children
- What can we do
 - visibility/research
 - mentorship
 - flexibility
 - intentional strategies/leadership programs

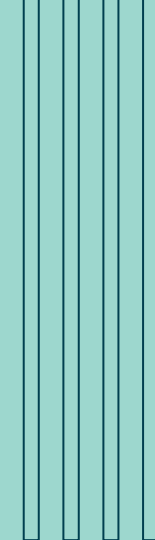
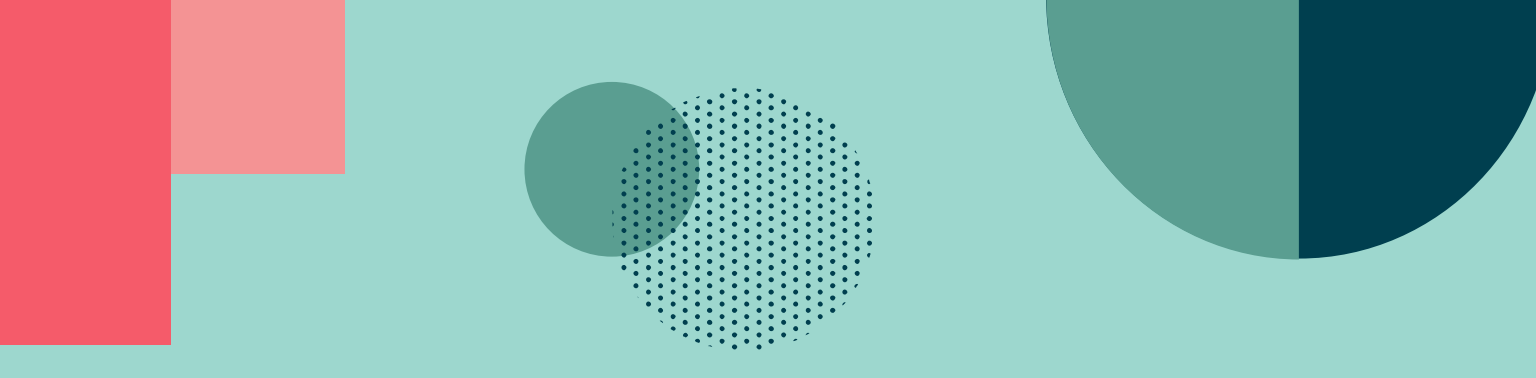
Future Research

- Other genders
- Race
- Confounding variables
- Qualitative interviews

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