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Take your covid chances



Newsweek magazine caused an uproar 34 years ago by writing that white, college-educated women who were still single at age 40 had a [bigger chance of being killed by a terrorist](#) than getting married. The probability of their tying the knot, a study found, was only 2.6%. The claim was later debunked, but it still *felt true*. So how does covid-19 stack up? Figures [released yesterday](#) by Health Min. Jan Blatný indicate that about [one-third of the 7,353 covid-related deaths as of Nov. 18](#) were directly caused by covid. This means that only four women in the 35-44 age group died directly of covid. According to the Statistical Office, there are [836,750 Czech women in this age group](#), of which 202,160 are [single \(never married\)](#) and [25% are college-educated](#). Even if that debunked figure of 2.6% were accurate, it would still mean that single, college-educated Czech women around 40 have a far bigger chance of finding a husband on a date than of catching and succumbing to covid.

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