

Table 19.—Characteristics of families with own children under 18, by family status and race/ethnicity: 1998

[Numbers in thousands]

Family characteristics	All races ¹				White ²				Black ²				Hispanic origin ³			
	Total	Married-couple families	Other families		Total	Married-couple families	Other families		Total	Married-couple families	Other families		Total	Married-couple families	Other families	
			Male householder, no spouse present	Female householder, no spouse present			Male householder, no spouse present	Female householder, no spouse present			Male householder, no spouse present	Female householder, no spouse present			Male householder, no spouse present	Female householder, no spouse present
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Total families	70,880	54,317	3,911	12,652	59,511	48,066	3,137	8,308	8,408	3,921	562	3,926	6,961	4,804	545	1,612
Total families with own children under 18	34,760	25,269	1,798	7,693	28,336	21,910	1,514	4,912	4,847	2,055	223	2,569	4,475	3,121	233	1,121
Percent of all families	49.0	46.5	46.0	60.8	47.6	45.6	48.3	59.1	57.6	52.4	39.7	65.4	64.3	65.0	42.8	69.5
Percent distribution	100.0	72.7	5.2	22.1	100.0	77.3	5.3	17.3	100.0	42.4	4.6	53.0	100.0	69.7	5.2	25.1
Families with—																
1 child under 18	14,363	9,507	1,117	3,739	11,716	8,231	945	2,539	1,961	723	133	1,104	1,585	1,001	140	445
2 children under 18	13,122	10,241	456	2,425	10,796	8,913	385	1,498	1,749	830	53	865	1,616	1,174	58	384
3 children under 18	5,353	4,124	175	1,054	4,368	3,602	144	622	786	356	30	400	846	645	24	177
4 children under 18	1,409	1,043	41	326	1,087	872	33	182	250	111	4	135	325	230	10	84
5 children under 18	340	240	8	92	255	199	6	51	66	27	2	37	72	48	1	23
6 or more under 18	172	114	1	57	114	93	1	20	36	8	(⁴)	28	30	22	(⁴)	8
Total own children under 18	64,323	47,931	2,736	13,656	51,966	41,265	2,263	8,438	9,116	3,996	370	4,751	9,578	6,834	396	2,349
Average number of children per family with children	1.85	1.90	1.52	1.78	1.83	1.88	1.50	1.72	1.88	1.94	1.66	1.85	2.14	2.19	1.70	2.10
Total families with own children under 6	15,532	11,773	759	3,000	12,710	10,278	621	1,811	2,101	880	112	1,108	2,399	1,747	141	511
Percent of all families	21.9	21.7	19.4	23.7	21.4	21.4	19.8	21.8	25.0	22.4	19.9	28.2	34.5	36.4	25.9	31.7
Percent distribution	100.0	75.8	4.9	19.3	100.0	80.9	4.9	14.2	100.0	41.9	5.3	52.7	100.0	72.8	5.9	21.3
Families with—																
1 child under 6	10,742	7,912	587	2,243	8,729	6,881	492	1,356	1,504	592	80	831	1,594	1,158	105	331
2 children under 6	4,100	3,314	143	642	3,419	2,924	112	383	497	236	20	240	685	502	30	153
3 children under 6	600	484	27	90	496	424	17	56	83	43	9	30	102	76	6	19
4 or more under 6	91	63	3	25	65	50	(⁴)	16	18	8	2	7	18	10	(⁴)	7
Total own children under 6	21,039	16,184	978	3,877	17,096	13,997	756	2,342	2,843	1,256	177	1,410	3,629	2,634	201	794
Average number of children per family with children	1.35	1.37	1.29	1.29	1.35	1.36	1.22	1.29	1.35	1.43	1.58	1.27	1.51	1.51	1.42	1.55
Total families with own children under 3	8,927	7,053	446	1,428	7,450	6,205	361	883	1,075	507	70	498	1,392	1,023	96	272
Percent of all families	12.6	13.0	11.4	11.3	12.5	12.9	11.5	10.6	12.8	12.9	12.5	12.7	20.0	21.3	17.6	16.9
Percent distribution	100.0	79.0	5.0	16.0	100.0	83.3	4.8	11.9	100.0	47.2	6.5	46.3	100.0	73.5	6.9	19.5
Families with—																
1 child under 3	7,901	6,213	384	1,304	6,599	5,465	326	808	953	448	51	454	1,228	900	84	244
2 or more under 3	1,026	841	61	124	851	741	35	76	122	59	19	44	164	123	12	28
Total own children under 3	10,127	8,014	519	1,594	8,359	6,991	395	973	1,254	593	100	561	1,727	1,269	120	338
Average number of children per family with children	1.13	1.14	1.16	1.12	1.12	1.13	1.09	1.10	1.17	1.17	(⁵)	1.13	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24

¹ Race of family is defined as race of head of household.

² Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

³ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

⁴ Less than 500.

⁵ Averages and percents are shown only when the base is 75,000 or greater.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P20-495, *Household and Family Characteristics: March 1998*. (This table was prepared July 1999.)