Table 19.—Characteristics of families with own children under 18, by family status and race/ethnicity: 2000 [Numbers in thousands]

	All races 1				White, non-Hispanic				Black, non-Hispanic				Hispanic			
Family characteristics			Other families				Other families				Other families				Other families	
	Total	Married- couple families	Male house- holder, no spouse present	Female house- holder, no spouse present	Total	Married- couple families	Male house- holder, no spouse present	Female house- holder, no spouse present	Total	Mar- ried- couple families	Male house- holder, no spouse present	Female house- holder, no spouse present	Total	Mar- ried- couple families	Male house- holder, no spouse present	Female house- holder, no spouse present
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Total families	72,025	55,311	4,028	12,687	53,065	43,865	2,468	6,732	8,416	4,007	682	3,727	7,560	5,133	658	1,769
Total families with own children under 18 Percent of all families Percent distribution Families with—	34,605 48.0 100.0	25,248 45.6 73.0	1,786 44.3 5.2	7,571 59.7 21.9	23,534 44.3 100.0	18,516 42.2 78.7	1,202 48.7 5.1	3,815 56.7 16.2	4,631 55.0 100.0	2,013 50.2 43.5	269 39.4 5.8	2,348 63.0 50.7	4,815 63.7 100.0	3,423 66.7 71.1	246 37.4 5.1	1,145 64.7 23.8
1 child under 18 2 children under 18 3 children under 18 4 or more under 18	14,310 13,215 5,062 2,017	9,402 10,274 4,030 1,542	1,131 483 130 41	3,777 2,458 902 434	9,801 9,308 3,297 1,128	6,931 7,744 2,858 984	759 335 87 21	2,111 1,229 352 123	2,039 1,573 657 362	815 722 315 161	186 62 12 9	1,038 789 330 192	1,791 1,694 914 416	1,139 1,276 695 313	141 68 27 11	511 350 192 92
Total own children under 18 Average number of children per family with own children under 18	64,874 1.87	48,921 1.94	2,670 1.49	13,283 1.75	42,463 1.80	34,798 1.88	1,759 1.46	5,906 1.55	8,998 1.94	4,038 2.01	394 1.46	4,566 1.94	9,912	7,240 2.12	402 1.63	2,270 1.98
Total families with own children under 6	14,987 20.8 100.0	11,393 20.6 76.0	706 17.5 4.7	2,887 22.8 19.3	9,872 18.6 100.0	8,148 18.6 82.5	411 16.7 4.2	1,312 19.5 13.3	1,966 23.4 100.0	818 20.4 41.6	115 16.9 5.8	1,033 27.7 52.5	2,476 32.8 100.0	1,862 36.3 75.2	152 23.1 6.1	464 26.2 18.7
1 child under 6	10,454 3,933 600	7,659 3,273 462	563 134 9	2,232 526 129	6,803 2,703 366	5,389 2,428 332	341 67 3	1,073 208 31	1,442 425 99	581 201 36	87 26 2	774 198 61	1,731 636 109	1,274 509 78	116 32 4	341 95 27
Total own children under 6 Average number of children per family with own children under 6	20,784	16,159 1.42	881 1.25	3,744 1.30	13,323 1.35	11,329 1.39	506 1.23	1,488 1.13	2,723 1.39	1,158 1.42	138 1.20	1,427 1.38	3,617 1.46	2,734 1.47	191 1.26	692 1.49
Total families with own children under 3 Percent of all families Percent distribution Families with—	8,785 12.2 100.0	6,784 12.3 77.2	441 10.9 5.0	1,561 12.3 17.8	5,893 11.1 100.0	4,944 11.3 83.9	242 9.8 4.1	707 10.5 12.0	1,093 13.0 100.0	441 11.0 40.3	80 11.7 7.3	572 15.3 52.3	1,381 18.3 100.0	1,041 20.3 75.4	99 15.0 7.2	241 13.6 17.5
1 child under 3 2 or more under 3	7,756 1,029	5,955 829	394 46	1,407 154	5,159 734	4,277 667	216 26	666 41	967 126	400 41	75 5	492 80	1,239 142	943 98	84 15	212 29
Total own children under 3 Average number of children per family with own children	10,202	7,954	496	1,752	6,673	5,678	291	704	1,286	517	69	700	1,691	1,272	109	310
under 3	1.16	1.17	1.12	1.12	1.13	1.15	1.20	1.00	1.18	1.17	0.86	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.10	1.29

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

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P20-537, America's Families and Living Arrangements, March 2000. (This table was prepared August 2001.)

NOTE: Own children are never-married sons and daughters, including stepchildren and adopted children, of the householder or married couple. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.