

Indicator 10. Families with Children

Number and percent of families with own children under 18 years old, by family type and race/ethnicity of family householder: 1950 to 1994

[Numbers in thousands]

Year	Total families	Families with own ¹ children under 18					
		Total		Married-couple families		Single-parent families ²	
		Number	Percent of total families	Number	Percent of all families with children	Number	Percent of all families with children
All families							
1950	39,193	20,267	51.7	18,772	92.6	1,495	7.4
1960	45,062	25,662	56.9	23,333	90.9	2,329	9.1
1970	51,237	28,666	55.9	25,406	88.6	3,260	11.4
1975	55,712	30,057	54.0	25,169	83.7	4,888	16.3
1980	58,426	30,517	52.2	24,568	80.5	5,949	19.5
1985	62,706	31,112	49.6	24,210	77.8	6,902	22.2
1990	66,090	32,289	48.9	24,537	76.0	7,752	24.0
1991	66,322	32,401	48.9	24,397	75.3	8,004	24.7
1992	67,173	32,746	48.7	24,420	74.6	8,326	25.4
1993	68,144	33,257	48.8	24,707	74.3	8,550	25.7
1994 ³	68,490	34,018	49.7	25,058	73.7	8,961	26.3
White ⁴							
1970	46,022	25,439	55.3	23,170	91.1	2,269	8.9
1975	49,451	26,092	52.8	22,722	87.1	3,370	12.9
1980	51,389	26,162	50.9	22,153	84.7	4,008	15.3
1985	54,400	28,169	51.8	24,078	85.5	4,091	14.5
1990	56,590	26,718	47.2	21,579	80.8	5,138	19.2
1993	57,858	27,335	47.2	21,686	79.3	5,650	20.7
1994 ³	57,870	27,642	47.8	21,884	79.2	5,758	20.8
Black ⁴							
1970	4,774	2,934	61.5	1,965	67.0	969	33.0
1975	5,498	3,475	63.2	2,013	57.9	1,462	42.1
1980	6,042	3,731	61.8	1,884	50.5	1,847	49.5
1985	6,778	3,890	57.4	1,822	46.8	2,068	53.2
1990	7,470	4,378	58.6	1,972	45.0	2,405	54.9
1993	7,888	4,560	57.8	1,945	42.7	2,616	57.4
1994 ³	7,989	4,793	60.0	1,924	40.1	2,868	59.8
Hispanic ⁵							
1980	3,100	2,133	68.8	1,651	77.4	482	22.6
1985	3,939	2,602	66.1	1,892	72.7	710	27.3
1990	4,840	3,051	63.0	2,188	71.7	863	28.3
1993	5,318	3,345	62.9	2,355	70.4	990	29.6
1994 ³	5,940	3,790	63.8	2,609	68.8	1,181	31.2

¹ "Own" children in a family are sons and daughters, including stepchildren and adopted children, of the householder.

² Includes unmarried couples

³ Based on 1990 Census.

⁴ Includes Hispanics.

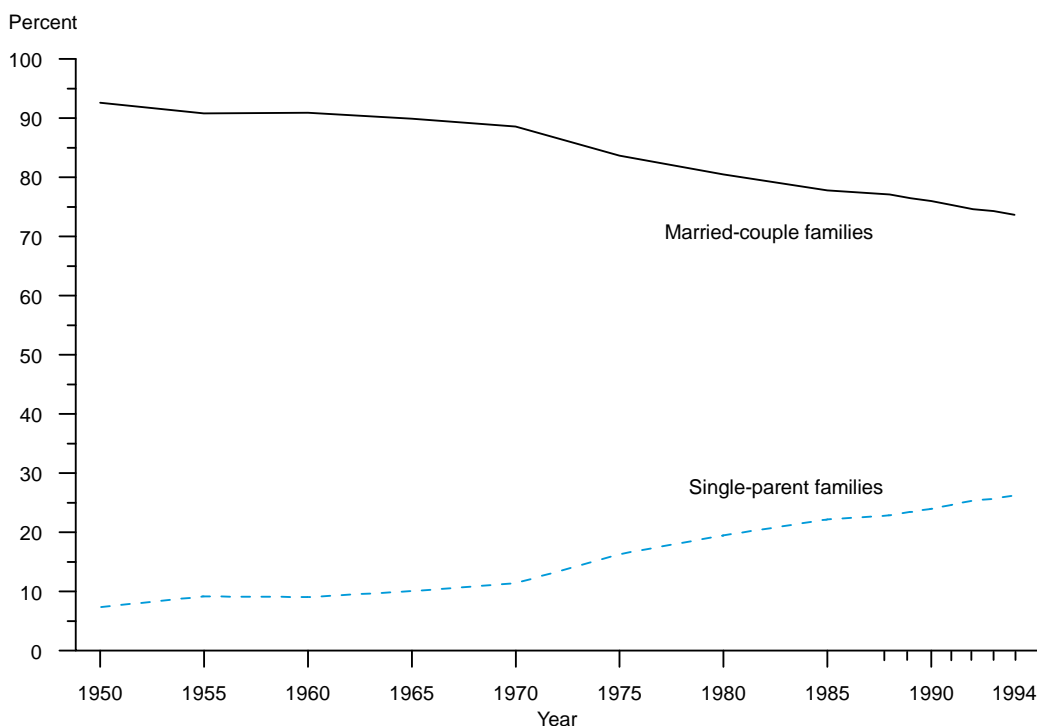
⁵ Hispanics may be of any race.

NOTE: Because of rounding, details may not add to totals.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, *Household and Family Characteristics*, various years.

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The proportion of families with children under 18 who were headed by single parents more than doubled between 1970 and 1994.

Family structures differ significantly among racial/ethnic groups. In 1994, 60 percent of black families with children were single-parent families, compared with 31 percent of Hispanic families and 21 percent of white families. Moreover, about 64 percent of Hispanic families had children under 18, compared with 60 percent of black families and 48 percent of white families.