

## Indicator 11. Children of Single Parents

### Number and percent of own children under 18 years old in married-couple and single-parent families, by race/ethnicity of family householder: 1950 to 1994

[Numbers in thousands]

Year	Number of own <sup>1</sup> children under 18	Number and percent of own children under 18			
		Married-couple families		Single-parent families <sup>2</sup>	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>All races</b>					
1950	42,253	39,252	92.9	3,002	7.1
1955	54,712	48,655	88.9	6,057	11.1
1960	64,519	—	—	—	—
1965	66,014	59,557	90.2	6,457	9.8
1970	66,714	59,143	88.7	7,571	11.3
1975	62,733	52,611	83.9	10,122	16.1
1980	57,700	46,810	81.1	10,890	18.9
1985	57,658	45,556	79.0	12,102	21.0
1990	59,013	45,907	77.8	13,105	22.2
1992	60,490	45,955	76.0	14,536	24.0
1993	61,184	46,476	76.0	14,709	24.0
1994 <sup>3</sup>	62,582	47,231	75.5	15,352	24.5
<b>White<sup>4</sup></b>					
1970	57,446	52,791	91.9	4,655	8.1
1975	53,608	47,086	87.8	6,522	12.2
1980	48,739	41,903	86.0	6,836	14.0
1985	47,975	40,218	83.8	7,757	16.2
1990	48,522	40,251	83.0	8,270	17.0
1993	49,788	40,543	81.4	9,245	18.6
1994 <sup>3</sup>	50,750	41,249	81.3	9,501	18.7
<b>Black<sup>4</sup></b>					
1970	8,462	5,619	66.4	2,843	33.6
1975	8,095	4,598	56.8	3,497	43.2
1980	7,724	3,845	49.8	3,879	50.2
1985	7,741	3,689	47.7	4,052	52.3
1990	8,151	3,722	45.7	4,430	54.3
1993	8,685	3,744	43.1	4,941	56.9
1994 <sup>3</sup>	8,884	3,602	40.5	5,282	59.5
<b>Hispanic<sup>5</sup></b>					
1980	4,631	3,643	78.7	988	21.3
1985	5,663	4,171	73.7	1,492	26.3
1990	6,478	4,763	73.5	1,715	26.5
1993	6,867	4,910	71.5	1,957	28.5
1994 <sup>3</sup>	8,268	5,865	70.9	2,402	29.1

—Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>“Own” children in a family are sons and daughters, including stepchildren and adopted children, of the householder. Excludes householders under 18 years, subfamily reference persons, and their spouses.

<sup>2</sup>Includes unmarried couples

<sup>3</sup>Based on 1990 Census.

<sup>4</sup>Includes Hispanics.

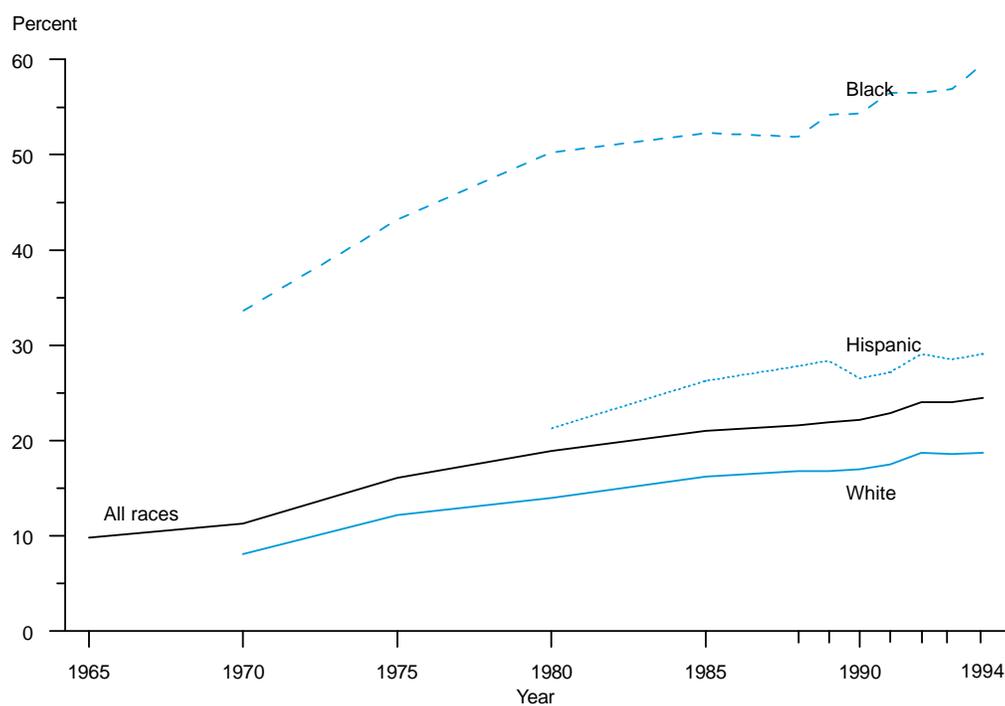
<sup>5</sup>Hispanics may be of any race.

**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; and *Marital Status and Living Arrangements*, nos. 433, 445 and 450.

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Percent of own children under 18 years old living in single-parent families, by race/ethnicity of family householder: 1965 to 1994



**SOURCE:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-20, *Household and Family Characteristics*, various years; and *Marital Status and Living Arrangements*, nos. 433, 445, 450.

The proportion of children living in single-parent families increased sharply during the 1970s and continued to rise slowly through the early 1990s. In 1994, 25 percent of children lived in single-parent families; 11 percent did so in 1970. In 1994, 59 percent of black children lived in single-parent homes compared with 19 percent of white children and 29 percent of Hispanic children.