

Indicator 12. Family Formation

Formation of families by the high school class of 1992,¹ by graduation status, sex, race/ethnicity, and activity status: 1994

Family situations	Total	Sex		Race/ethnicity			Activity status ²		
		Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Student	Working	Home-maker
High school graduates and GED recipients									
Marital status	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Single	85.3	89.3	81.3	85.2	89.1	80.7	96.8	78.0	24.6
Married	7.9	5.4	10.5	8.2	3.2	12.4	1.6	10.5	50.2
Living with partner ³	6.0	4.9	7.1	5.7	7.5	6.1	1.5	10.2	20.8
Divorced	0.8	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.1	0.9	0.1	1.3	4.4
Number of biological children	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
None	88.3	93.0	83.5	91.3	75.6	81.2	95.5	84.7	26.9
Total with children	11.7	7.0	16.5	8.7	24.4	18.8	4.5	15.3	73.1
One	9.4	6.0	12.9	7.4	17.6	15.2	2.9	12.8	56.0
Two	2.1	0.9	3.3	1.3	6.2	3.1	1.5	2.5	14.8
Three or more	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	2.4
Age at birth of first child	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
14 or younger	2.3	1.2	2.7	1.0	5.6	1.5	1.3	1.3	0.4
15	3.2	2.2	3.6	1.7	6.8	2.1	6.3	2.9	3.8
16	7.7	2.8	9.5	5.4	9.4	11.7	6.8	7.0	6.8
17	16.3	9.9	18.8	19.7	12.7	9.0	30.1	14.8	13.1
18	23.4	23.1	23.5	26.0	21.1	20.1	19.1	26.1	21.7
19	30.6	35.8	28.5	33.2	28.3	26.5	24.6	30.4	31.1
20 or older	16.6	25.0	13.4	13.0	16.1	29.1	11.9	17.5	23.1
Father or mother of a child	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Living with child	67.8	44.7	77.9	73.2	60.1	59.3	65.6	63.3	78.2
Not living with child	32.2	55.3	22.1	26.8	39.9	40.7	34.4	36.7	21.8
High school dropouts and other noncompleters⁴									
Marital status	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	—	100.0	100.0
Single	62.1	71.4	52.1	54.7	90.6	51.3	—	67.7	34.3
Married	19.2	12.9	26.1	24.0	3.7	23.6	—	15.4	41.8
Living with partner ³	14.1	10.7	17.8	14.9	4.9	21.7	—	11.4	19.6
Divorced	4.6	5.1	4.0	6.3	0.9	3.4	—	5.6	4.4
Number of biological children	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	—	100.0	100.0
None	51.9	66.6	36.0	58.2	45.6	43.4	—	60.1	12.1
Total with children	48.1	33.4	64.0	41.8	54.4	56.6	—	39.9	87.9
One	32.0	26.5	37.9	29.7	34.6	34.5	—	30.5	42.3
Two	11.7	5.4	18.4	9.8	12.7	15.7	—	7.8	29.4
Three or more	4.4	1.5	7.7	2.2	7.0	6.4	—	1.7	16.3
Age at birth of first child	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	—	100.0	100.0
14 or younger	2.0	0.2	3.0	0.9	4.0	3.4	—	2.1	2.9
15	3.3	0.7	4.7	1.8	7.0	4.4	—	2.1	5.7
16	9.1	2.6	12.7	7.7	14.5	9.4	—	6.9	10.5
17	20.3	11.9	25.1	20.2	21.7	18.5	—	18.2	21.5
18	23.4	21.0	24.8	23.5	21.5	22.2	—	20.3	22.1
19	27.9	42.0	20.1	32.8	15.4	29.2	—	34.2	25.6
20 or older	14.0	21.7	9.7	13.2	15.9	13.0	—	16.3	11.6
Father or mother of a child	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	—	100.0	100.0
Living with child	71.1	51.3	82.0	73.4	62.6	73.4	—	65.2	86.2
Not living with child	28.9	48.7	18.0	26.6	37.4	26.6	—	34.8	13.8

—Data not available because of low number of respondents.

¹References to the class of 1992 are based on students in eighth grade in 1988 who would have been expected to graduate in 1992. This includes students who left school between 1988 and 1992.

²Primary activity in spring 1994. Includes only those individuals whose activities were exclusively in the listed categories. For example, tabulation excludes persons who were working and attending school.

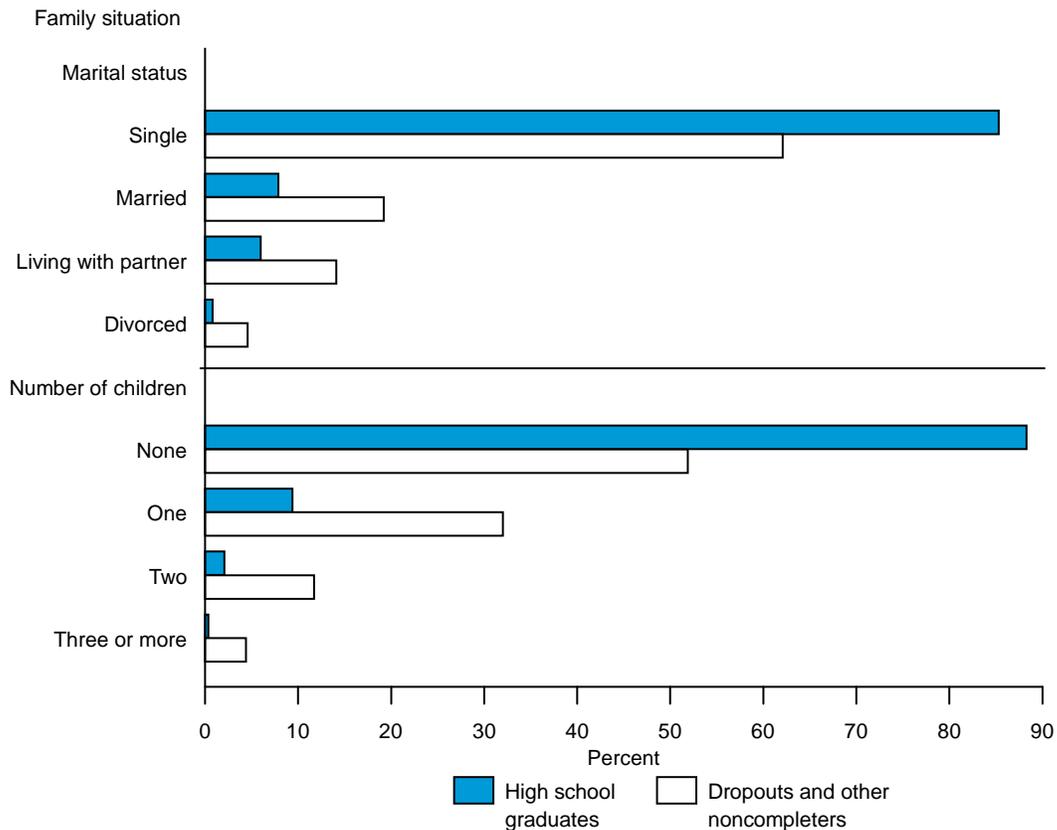
³Partners are those persons in marriage-like relationships.

⁴Dropouts from the high school class of 1992 who may have left any time after the middle of the 8th grade. Also includes some who were still enrolled in high school in 1994.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, Third Followup survey.

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Formation of families by the high school class of 1992, by graduation status: 1994



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High school dropouts and other noncompleters were more likely to start families early than high school graduates. About 12 percent of the graduates from the class of 1992 had become parents by 1994. In contrast, 48 percent of their classmates who had not completed high school became parents during the same time period. About 85 percent of the graduates were still single compared to 62 percent of the dropouts and other noncompleters.