

Indicator 15. Household Composition

Living situations of the high school class of 1992, by graduation status, sex, income, and activity status: 1994

Living situations	Total	Sex		Socioeconomic status ¹			Activity status ²		
		Male	Female	Low	Middle	High	Student only	Working only	Home-maker only
High school graduates and GED recipients									
General living arrangements ³	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Living alone	8.5	10.2	6.7	7.9	7.5	11.2	9.4	7.1	2.1
Living with parents	51.6	54.1	49.0	56.5	56.1	40.2	41.2	59.0	23.0
Living with own child(ren)	9.2	4.3	14.0	15.0	8.7	2.6	3.7	11.1	58.9
Living with own child(ren) only	1.3	0.1	2.5	2.7	1.2	0.5	1.4	1.3	5.3
Living with spouse or partner ⁴	11.8	7.9	16.1	16.2	11.7	5.3	2.6	17.4	67.0
Specific living situations	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7
With spouse only	3.2	2.3	4.3	3.5	3.5	1.6	0.6	4.7	13.4
With partner ⁴ only	2.2	1.6	2.9	2.8	2.0	1.7	0.6	4.2	4.9
With own child(ren) only	1.3	0.1	2.5	2.7	1.2	0.5	1.4	1.3	5.3
With parent or parents only	14.9	17.3	12.5	14.5	16.5	11.4	12.3	16.5	1.9
With others only	26.8	27.9	25.8	16.7	23.8	43.1	45.9	15.5	3.9
Alone	8.5	10.2	6.7	7.9	7.5	11.2	9.4	7.1	2.1
With spouse and own child(ren)	3.7	2.3	5.1	5.8	3.7	0.9	0.7	4.7	36.6
With spouse or partner ⁴ and own child(ren) and other(s)	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.8	1.4
With spouse or partner ⁴ and parent(s)	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0
With spouse or partner ⁴ and other(s)	1.4	0.8	2.0	2.0	1.1	0.7	0.1	1.7	6.1
With parent(s) and other(s)	33.4	35.4	31.3	37.0	36.4	27.6	27.0	38.7	8.1
With own child(ren) and parent(s)	1.2	0.8	1.6	2.0	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.4	2.8
With own child(ren), parent(s), and others	1.2	0.1	2.3	1.7	1.2	0.4	0.5	1.0	5.7
With own child(ren) and other(s)	0.8	0.3	1.3	1.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	1.1	3.0
Other parent and spouse combinations	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.4	1.1	4.6
High school dropouts and other noncompleters⁵									
General living arrangements ³	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	⁶ 100.0	—	100.0	100.0
Living alone	4.7	7.1	2.1	4.6	4.5	⁶ 6.7	—	3.8	0.4
Living with parents	44.9	53.9	35.1	47.1	40.5	⁶ 62.9	—	52.8	24.4
Living with own child(ren)	34.6	17.6	53.0	37.5	29.2	⁶ 12.0	—	26.6	75.7
Living with own child(ren) only	4.9	0.2	10.0	5.9	5.5	⁶ 0.0	—	2.8	11.2
Living with spouse or partner ⁴	32.0	22.1	42.9	32.1	30.3	⁶ 18.1	—	26.5	62.7
With others only	13.8	17.4	10.0	10.5	19.4	⁶ 13.1	—	15.1	1.8

—Data not available.

¹ Socioeconomic status was measured by a composite score on parental education and occupations, and family income. The "Low" SES group is the lowest quartile; the "Middle" SES group is the middle two quartiles; and the "High" SES group is the highest quartile.

² Primary 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.

³ Some categories such as "Living with parent(s)," "Living with spouse or Partner," and "Living with own children" overlap some other groups.

⁴ Partners are those persons in marriage-like relationships.

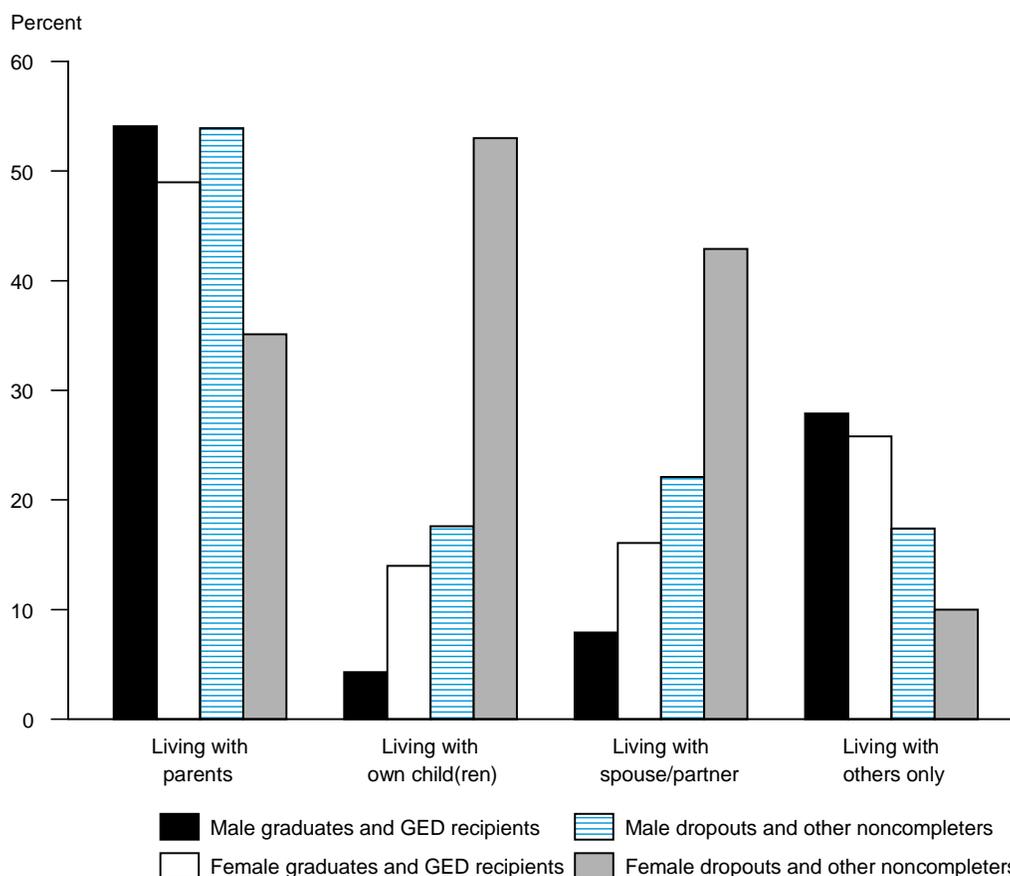
⁵ Dropouts from the class of 1992 who may have left any time after the middle of 8th grade. Also includes some who were still enrolled in high school in 1994.

⁶ Data are based on a small number of cases and should be interpreted cautiously.

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High school dropouts from the class of 1992 were almost four times more likely than high school completers to be living with children of their own in 1994. Dropouts and other noncompleters were also much more likely to be living with a spouse or a partner. About half of both graduates and dropouts were living with their parents, usually with other people living in the household as well. Female completers and dropouts were more likely than males to be living with a spouse or partner.