

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

[Numbers in thousands]

Family characteristics	All races ¹				White, non-Hispanic ²				Black, non-Hispanic ²				Hispanic origin ³			
	Total	Married-couple families	Other families		Total	Married-couple families	Other families		Total	Married-couple families	Other families		Total	Married-couple families	Other families	
			Male householder, no spouse present	Female householder, no spouse present			Male householder, no spouse present	Female householder, no spouse present			Male householder, no spouse present	Female householder, no spouse present			Male householder, no spouse present	Female householder, no spouse present
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Total families	72,026	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	34,605	25,248	1,786	7,571	23,534	18,516	1,202	3,815	4,631	2,013	269	2,348	4,815	3,423	246	1,145
Percent of all families	48.0	45.6	44.3	59.7	44.3	42.2	48.7	56.7	55.0	50.2	39.4	63.0	63.7	66.7	37.4	64.7
Percent distribution	100.0	73.0	5.2	21.9	100.0	78.7	5.1	16.2	100.0	43.5	5.8	50.7	100.0	71.1	5.1	23.8
Families with—																
1 child under 18	14,310	9,402	1,131	3,777	9,801	6,931	759	2,111	2,039	815	186	1,038	1,791	1,139	141	511
2 children under 18	13,215	10,274	483	2,458	9,308	7,744	335	1,229	1,573	722	62	789	1,694	1,276	68	350
3 children under 18	5,062	4,030	130	902	3,297	2,858	87	352	657	315	12	330	914	695	27	192
4 or more under 18	2,017	1,542	41	434	1,128	984	21	123	362	161	9	192	416	313	11	92
Total own children under 18	64,874	48,921	2,670	13,283	42,463	34,798	1,759	5,906	8,998	4,038	394	4,566	9,912	7,240	402	2,270
Average number of children per family with own children under 18	1.87	1.94	1.49	1.75	1.80	1.88	1.46	1.55	1.94	2.01	1.46	1.94	2.06	2.12	1.63	1.98
Total families with own children under 6	14,987	11,393	706	2,887	9,872	8,148	411	1,312	1,966	818	115	1,033	2,476	1,862	152	464
Percent of all families	20.8	20.6	17.5	22.8	18.6	18.6	16.7	19.5	23.4	20.4	16.9	27.7	32.8	36.3	23.1	26.2
Percent distribution	100.0	76.0	4.7	19.3	100.0	82.5	4.2	13.3	100.0	41.6	5.8	52.5	100.0	75.2	6.1	18.7
Families with—																
1 child under 6	10,454	7,659	563	2,232	6,803	5,389	341	1,073	1,442	581	87	774	1,731	1,274	116	341
2 children under 6	3,933	3,273	134	526	2,703	2,428	67	208	425	201	26	198	636	509	32	95
3 or more under 6	600	462	9	129	366	332	3	31	99	36	2	61	109	78	4	27
Total own children under 6	20,784	16,159	881	3,744	13,323	11,329	506	1,488	2,723	1,158	138	1,427	3,617	2,734	191	692
Average number of children per family with own children under 6	1.39	1.42	1.25	1.30	1.35	1.39	1.23	1.13	1.39	1.42	1.20	1.38	1.46	1.47	1.26	1.49
Total families with own children under 3	8,785	6,784	441	1,561	5,893	4,944	242	707	1,093	441	80	572	1,381	1,041	99	241
Percent of all families	12.2	12.3	10.9	12.3	11.1	11.3	9.8	10.5	13.0	11.0	11.7	15.3	18.3	20.3	15.0	13.6
Percent distribution	100.0	77.2	5.0	17.8	100.0	83.9	4.1	12.0	100.0	40.3	7.3	52.3	100.0	75.4	7.2	17.5
Families with—																
1 child under 3	7,756	5,955	394	1,407	5,159	4,277	216	666	967	400	75	492	1,239	943	84	212
2 or more under 3	1,029	829	46	154	734	667	26	41	126	41	5	80	142	98	15	29
Total own children under 3	10,202	7,954	496	1,752	6,673	5,678	291	704	1,286	517	69	700	1,691	1,272	109	310
Average number of children per family with own children 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.

² Includes persons of Hispanic origin.

³ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

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.

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.)