Internet Table 2. Historical Living Arrangements of Children

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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(In thousands)

	Year										
Living arrangements	1880 /1	1900 /1	1910 /1	1920 /1	1940 /1	1950 /1	1960 /1	1970 /2	1980 /2	1990 /2	1996 /3
Children	22,027	30,784	34,997	39,535	40,435	46,506	64,586	69,162	63,427	64,137	71,494
Living with											
Two parents	18,359	25,916	29,880	34,122	34,404	40,365	55,885	58,939	48,624	46,503	50,685
One parent	2,332	3,172	3,389	3,742	4,178	4,144	6,644	8,200	12,466	15,867	18,165
Mother only	1,770	2,310	2,470	2,588	3,186	3,452	5,820	7,452	11,406	13,874	16,340
Father only	562	862	919	1,154	992	692	824	748	1,060	1,993	1,825
Neither parent	1,337	1,695	1,729	1,672	1,852	1,998	2,057	2,023	2,337	1,767	2,644
Percent living with											
Two parents	83.3	84.2	85.4	86.3	85.1	86.8	86.5	85.2	76.7	72.5	70.9
One parent	10.6	10.3	9.7	9.5	10.3	8.9	10.3	11.9	19.7	24.7	25.4
Mother only	8.0	7.5	7.1	6.5	7.9	7.4	9.0	10.8	18.0	21.6	22.9
Father only	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.5	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.7	3.1	2.6
Neither parent	6.1	5.5	4.9	4.2	4.6	4.3	3.2	2.9	3.7	2.8	3.7

^{1/} Source: Data for these years come from the Public Use Micro Samples collected and made available by IPUMS, Historical Census Projects.

^{2/} Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Historical Table CH-1 (available on the internet)

^{3/} Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 2