

Table 2. Historical Living Arrangements of Children: 1880 to 2001

Living arrangements	Year											
	1880 ¹	1900 ¹	1910 ¹	1920 ¹	1940 ¹	1950 ¹	1960 ¹	1970 ²	1980 ²	1990 ²	1996 ³	2001 ⁴
Children	22,027	30,784	34,997	39,535	40,435	46,506	64,586	69,162	63,427	64,137	71,494	72,501
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	51,113
One parent	2,332	3,172	3,389	3,742	4,178	4,144	6,644	8,200	12,466	15,867	18,165	18,472
Mother only	1,770	2,310	2,470	2,588	3,186	3,452	5,820	7,452	11,406	13,874	16,340	16,297
Father only	562	862	919	1,154	992	692	824	748	1,060	1,993	1,825	2,175
Neither parent	1,337	1,695	1,729	1,672	1,852	1,998	2,057	2,023	2,337	1,767	2,644	2,917
Percent living with --												
Two parents	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
One parent	83.3	84.2	85.4	86.3	85.1	86.8	86.5	85.2	76.7	72.5	70.9	70.5
Mother only	10.6	10.3	9.7	9.5	10.3	8.9	10.3	11.9	19.7	24.7	25.4	25.5
Father only	8.0	7.5	7.1	6.5	7.9	7.4	9.0	10.8	18.0	21.6	22.9	22.5
Neither parent	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.5	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.7	3.1	2.6	3.0
	6.1	5.5	4.9	4.2	4.6	4.3	3.2	2.9	3.7	2.8	3.7	4.0

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

4/ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 2

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