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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count pamphlet provides information on the living arrangements of Florida's children, focusing on family types. Drawing on information from the 1997 National Survey of America's Families, the Current Population Survey, and the National Center for Health Statistics, the pamphlet presents information on changes in America's families, children's current living arrangements, and children's health insurance status. The pamphlet provides data for Florida and the nation as a whole on the percent of children living in various family structures and their attitudes toward doing well in school, their number of activities, and child poverty level. County data are presented in tabular format on indicators that may influence family structure, including marriage dissolutions and number of births by age group. The percent of children in Florida and nationwide in different types of families without health insurance is also presented. The pamphlet notes that an increase in births to unmarried women is one of the contributors to an increase in children living with one parent. Findings indicate that in Florida, 64 percent of children under 18 lived in two-parent families, 28.4 percent in mother-only families, and 3.8 percent in father-only families. Almost 19 percent of Florida children were uninsured, regardless of family type. In homes maintained by one or both grandparents in Florida, 35 percent of children were uninsured. The pamphlet concludes with definitions and data sources. (KB)

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A CLOSER LOOK AT FAMILIES

Science has established two facts meaningful for human welfare: first, the foundation of the structure of human personality is laid down in early childhood; and second, the chief engineer in charge of this construction is the family.

- Meyer Francis Nimkoff



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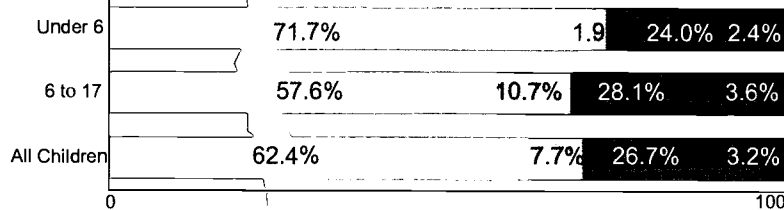
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LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

Percent of Children Within Age Group By Living Arrangement, United States, 1997

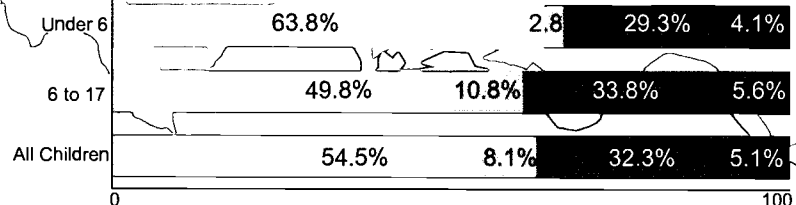


National Survey of America's Families
NSAF

NSAF Sample Size

	US	FL
Under Age 6	12,583	756
Age 6-17	21,771	1,306
Under Age 18	34,354	2,062

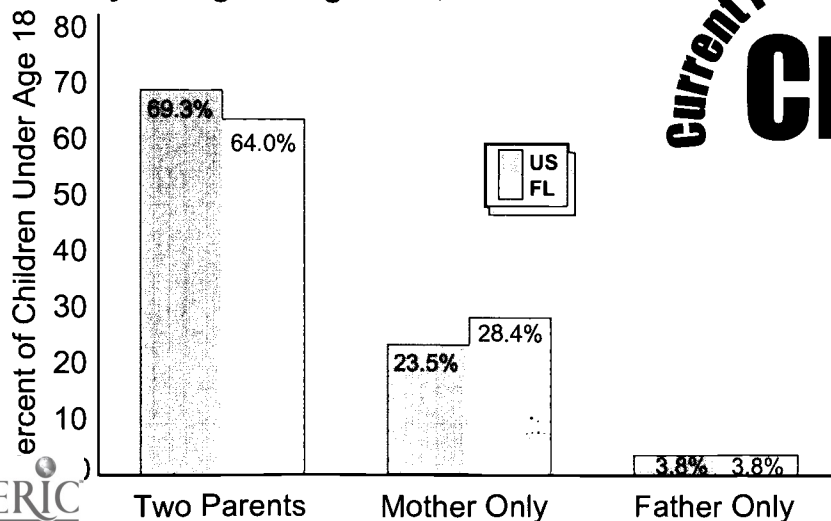
Percent of Children Within Age Group By Living Arrangement, Florida, 1997



Source: Urban Institute and Child Trends, Inc., 2000

- An increase in births to unmarried mothers is one of the contributors to an increase in children living with just one parent. This increase "reflects changes in marital behavior as much or more than changes in fertility behavior." Source: Report to Congress on Out-of-Wedlock Childbearing, 1995
- In Florida, 11.8% of all single families were headed by single fathers; while in the United States, this figure was 13.8%. Source: Map and Track, 1998

Percent of Children Under Age 18 By Living Arrangement, 1992 - 1996*



Current Population Survey
CPS

Percent of Children Under Age 6 By Living Arrangement, 1992 - 1996*

	US	FL
Two-parent families	69.8	63.4
Single-parent families	27.9	34.1

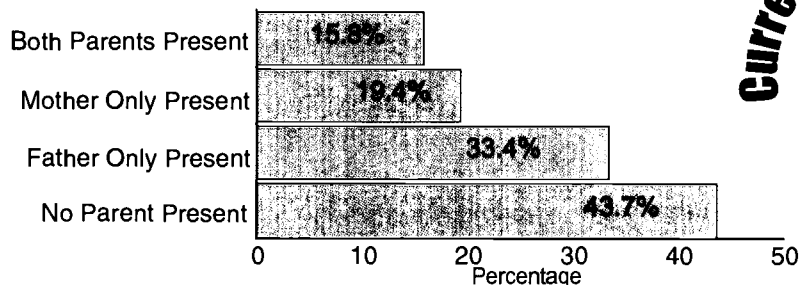
Source: Map and Track, 1998
*years combined for analysis

HEALTH INSURANCE STATUS

- Almost 19% of all Florida children, regardless of living arrangement, were uninsured.
- Of children living in a home maintained by one or both parents in Florida, nearly 17% were uninsured.
- 35% of children living in a home maintained by one or both grandparents in Florida were uninsured.

Source: Unpublished CPS 1996 - 1999*

Within Each Type of Living Arrangement, Percent of Florida Children Under Age 18 Without Health Insurance, 1995 - 1998*



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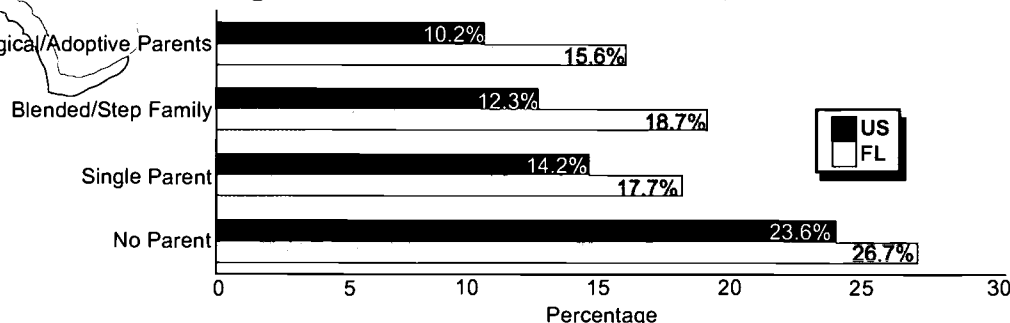
Florida CPS Sample, Unweighted

Living Arrangement	Number of Children	
	Uninsured	Total Sample
Both Parents Present	647	3,983
Mother Only Present	305	1,566
Father Only Present	91	271
No Parent Present	80	170

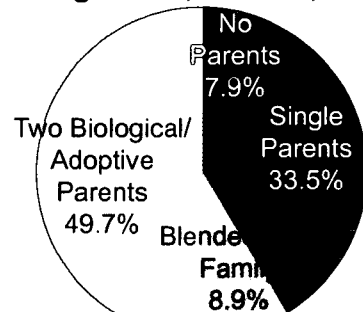
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NSAF

Within Each Type of Living Arrangement, Percent of Children Under Age 18 Without Health Insurance, 1997



Distribution of Uninsured Children Under Age 18 By Living Arrangement, Florida, 1997



NSAF
n=408 (17.1% of total sample)

Within Each Type of Living Arrangement, Children's Health Insurance Status, NSAF, 1997

United States

Family Living Arrangements	Children Birth to Age 5			Children Ages 6 to 17		
	Sample Size	Weighted %		Sample Size	Weighted %	
		Uninsured	Insured		Uninsured	Insured
Two Biological/Adoptive Parents	8,341	9.8	90.2	11,521	10.4	89.6
Blended/Step Family	268	13.1	86.9	2,183	12.3	87.8
Single parent	3,597	12.9	87.1	7,081	14.7	85.3
No Parent	377	13.2	86.8	986	27.1	72.9

Florida

	Children Birth to Age 5			Children Ages 6 to 17		
	Sample Size	Weighted %		Sample Size	Weighted %	
		Uninsured	Insured		Uninsured	Insured
	460	16.8	83.2	617	14.8	85.2
	17	-	-	134	16.6	83.4
	250	18.6	81.4	481	17.3	82.7
	29	-	84.0	74	-	69.4

Source: Urban Institute and Child Trends, Inc., 2000

FLORIDA'S KIDS

Percent of Children Ages 6 - 17 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement Who Care to Do Well in School, Florida, 1997

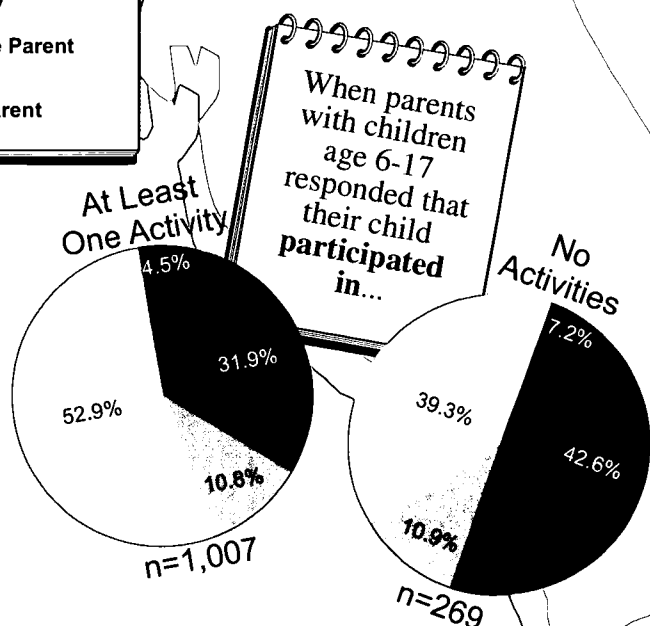
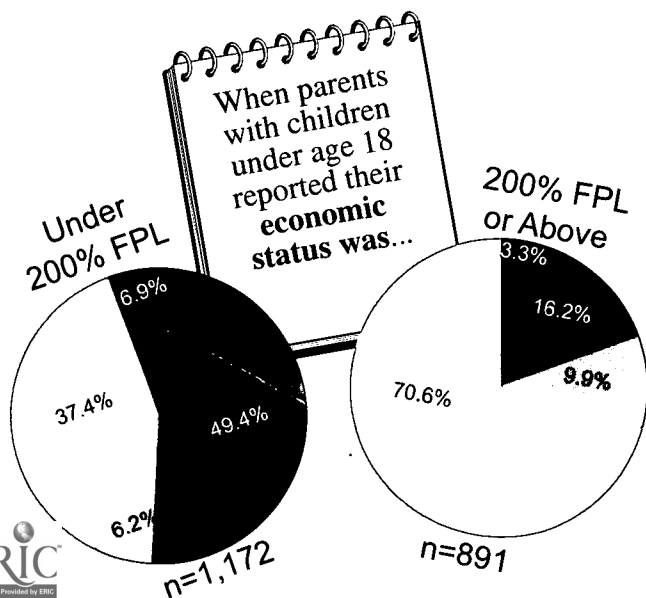
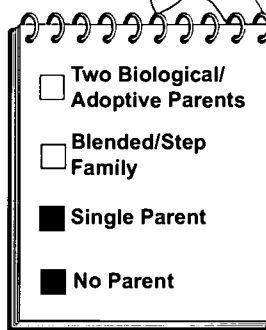
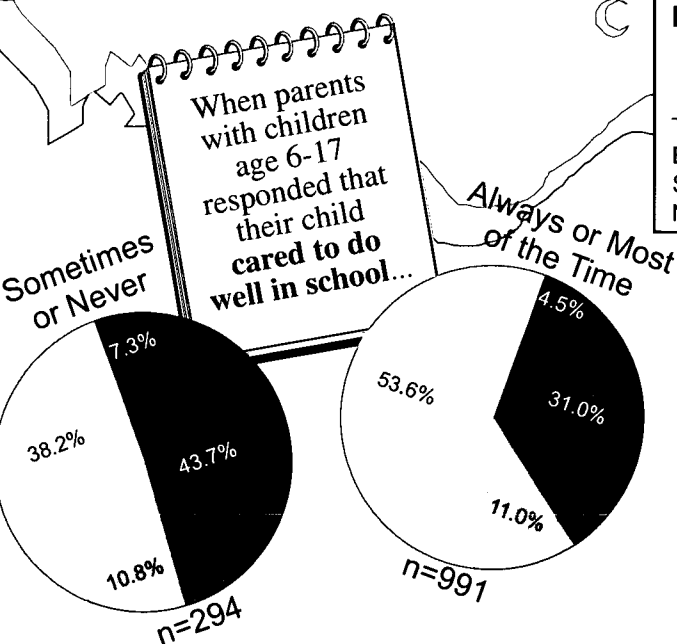
	Always	Most of the Time	Sometimes	Never
Two Biological/Adoptive Parents	54.5	28.9	15.1	1.5
Blended/Step Family	37.4	41.0	19.6	-
Single Parent	43.3	28.5	24.7	3.6
No Parents	42.6	25.9	-	-

Percent of Children Ages 6 - 17 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement By Number of Activities, Florida, 1997

	No Activity	One Activity	Two Activities	Three Activities
Two Biological/Adoptive Parents	15.9	35.4	37.3	11.5
Blended/Step Family	20.4	36.0	30.9	-
Single Parent	25.3	42.4	25.1	7.2
No Parents	28.9	41.9	-	-

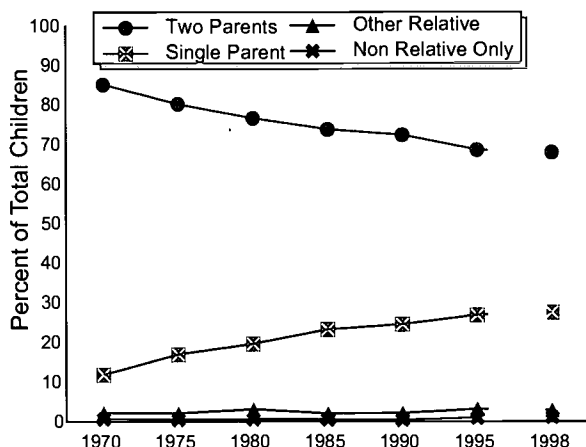
Percent of Children Under Age 18 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement By Poverty Level, Florida, 1997

	<100% FPL	100%-199% FPL	≥200% FPL
Two Biological/Adoptive Parents	10.2	23.1	66.8
Blended/Step Family	-	25.7	62.7
Single Parent	42.6	31.6	25.7
No Parents	-	-	-

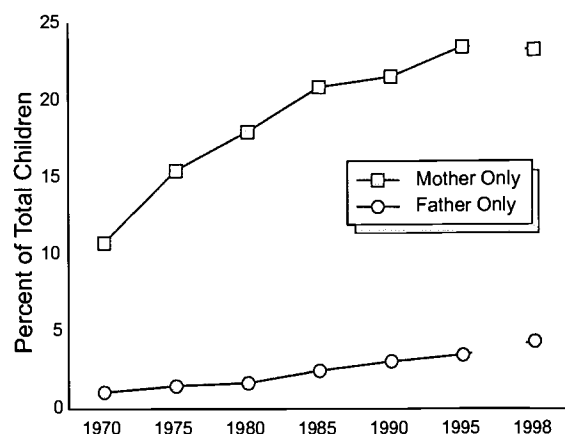


AMERICA'S FAMILIES ARE CHANGING

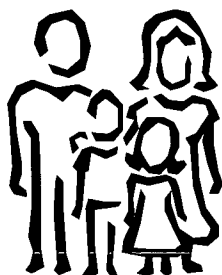
Percent of Children Under Age 18 by Living Arrangement, United States, Selected Years



Percent of Children Under Age 18 by Single Parent Living Arrangement, United States, Selected Years

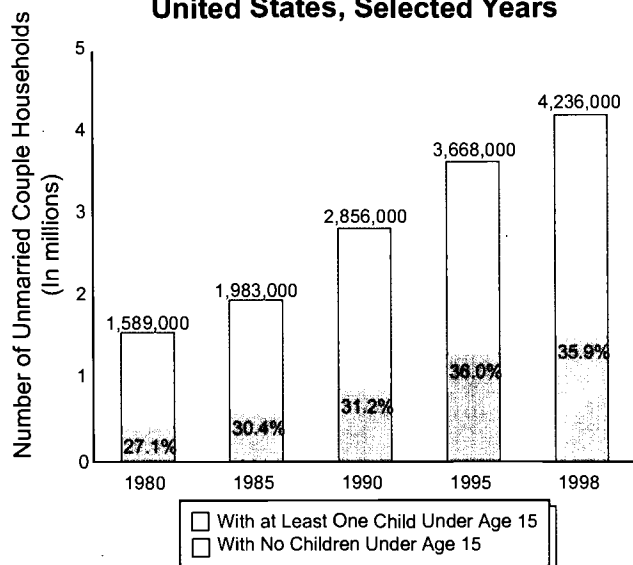


Current Population Survey
CPS

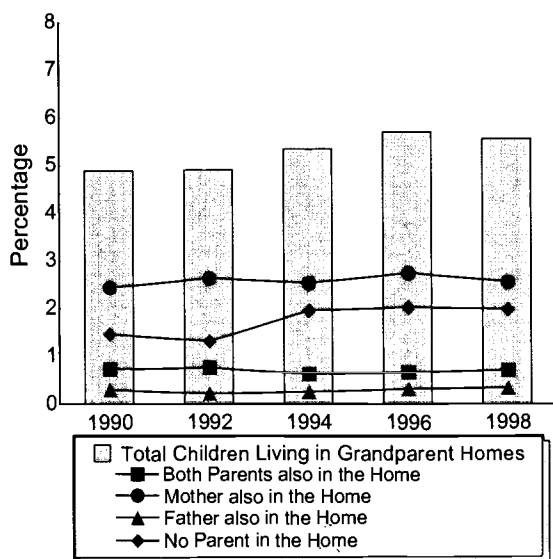


- In 1998, 5.6% of all United States children lived in a home maintained by a grandparent, compared to 3.2% in 1970.

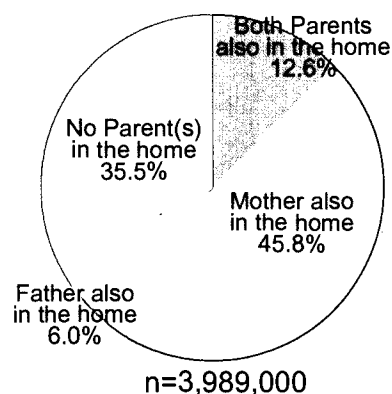
Number of Unmarried Couple Households and Percent with Children Under Age 15, United States, Selected Years



Percent of Children Under Age 18 Living in a Grandparent Maintained Household by Living Arrangement, United States, Selected Years



Distribution of Children Living in Grandparent Maintained Households by Living Arrangement, United States, 1998



DEFINITIONS

Living arrangement. The term living arrangement is used when additional information is provided about a child's relationship to other individuals living in the household.

Sample sizes reported are unweighted values.

Percentages reported are weighted values.

Current Population Survey (CPS):

Children. The term "children," as used in the table on living arrangements of children under 18, are all persons under 18 years, excluding people who maintain households, families, or subfamilies as a reference person or spouse.

Grandparent-Maintained Household. A grandparent-maintained household refers to a housing unit that is owned or rented by one or both grandparents of a child under age 18. This child's parents may or may not be present in the household.

Health Insurance Coverage. A person was considered covered by health insurance at some time during the year if he or she was covered by at least one of the following types of coverage: (1) employer/union, (2) privately purchased, (3) Medicare, (4) Medicaid, (5) military health care, (6) someone outside the household, (7) other.

Household. A household consists of all the people who occupy a housing unit and includes the related family members and all the unrelated people who share the housing unit.

Parent-Maintained Household. A parent-maintained household refers to a housing unit that is owned or rented by one or both parents of a child under age 18. This child's grandparents may or may not be present in the household.

Unmarried Couple. An unmarried couple is composed of two unrelated adults of the opposite sex (one of whom is the person in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented) who share a housing unit with or without the presence of children under 15 years old. Unmarried couple households contain only two adults.

National Survey of America's Families (NSAF):

Health Insurance Coverage. A person was considered covered by health insurance if they responded "yes" to being currently covered by one of the insurance plans (public or private) and responded "no" to a question asking if they were currently uninsured.

Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Poverty status refers to family income as a percentage of the 1996 federal poverty level. For a family consisting of two adults with two children, the 1996 FPL was \$15,911.

Number of Extracurricular Activities. "Number of extracurricular activities" refers to the most knowledgeable adult's response to whether the child had participated in sports, lessons, and/or clubs.

Cares to Do Well in School. "Cares to do well in school" refers to the most knowledgeable adult's response when asked if the child cares about doing well in school.

SOURCES

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A CLOSER LOOK AT FLORIDA COUNTY DATA, 1998

Indicators That May Influence Family Structure

	Number of Births By Age Group				Total Number of Children Under Age 18	Dissolutions of Marriage with Children	
	Births To All Mothers (Births To Unwed Mothers)					Number	Minimum Number of Children Affected
	Under Age 18	Age 18 - 19	Age 20 - 29	Age 30 and Over			
Florida	9,877 (8,789)	15,943 (12,119)	100,679 (38,705)	69,036 (11,978)	3,372,758	33,674	55,503
Alachua	114 (108)	200 (169)	1,277 (511)	836 (99)	46,171	413	687
Baker	32 (19)	37 (19)	207 (71)	49 (9)	5,758	75	125
Bay	105 (88)	209 (128)	1,183 (375)	520 (89)	37,283	467	788
Bradford	19 (15)	41 (27)	181 (53)	67 (16)	5,526	89	145
Brevard	201 (177)	367 (266)	2,358 (800)	1,885 (217)	102,938	1,041	1,746
Broward	775 (733)	1,171 (980)	9,436 (3,693)	9,264 (1,521)	324,009	3,165	5,154
Calhoun	14 (10)	23 (13)	92 (27)	31 (6)	2,953	17	22
Charlotte	43 (39)	98 (68)	556 (184)	344 (70)	21,145	196	326
Citrus	41 (33)	97 (62)	415 (142)	255 (44)	18,718	260	451
Clay	74 (69)	148 (97)	983 (252)	592 (58)	37,178	404	678
Collier	170 (134)	231 (159)	1,402 (550)	906 (169)	42,623	413	698
Columbia	52 (43)	84 (53)	476 (172)	151 (29)	14,706	170	290
Miami-Dade	1,508 (1,359)	2,103 (1,676)	15,760 (6,615)	12,259 (2,962)	538,539	4,625	7,471
DeSoto	37 (30)	57 (39)	238 (102)	78 (22)	6,280	73	129
Dixie	13 (10)	21 (10)	98 (33)	22 (3)	2,859	37	59
Duval	693 (646)	1,079 (832)	6,719 (2,576)	3,639 (577)	196,828	2,187	3,566
Escambia	226 (201)	436 (320)	2,192 (829)	1,060 (200)	73,442	690	1,127
Flagler	20 (17)	39 (24)	161 (58)	142 (21)	7,564	92	151
Franklin	6 (6)	23 (17)	74 (30)	26 (5)	2,098	29	43
Gadsden	71 (66)	106 (87)	416 (250)	102 (33)	14,058	78	126
Gilchrist	13 (8)	19 (15)	111 (26)	26 (5)	3,111	53	85
Glades	8 (7)	8 (7)	61 (31)	13 (8)	2,082	14	17
Gulf	10 (5)	18 (10)	84 (25)	30 (3)	2,915	3	9
Hamilton	13 (11)	22 (19)	106 (49)	26 (6)	3,248	22	35
Hardee	38 (24)	49 (31)	268 (97)	90 (26)	6,062	62	112
Hendry	58 (44)	91 (65)	379 (160)	135 (32)	9,418	86	149
Hernando	56 (45)	122 (98)	579 (219)	329 (54)	22,538	182	317
Highlands	65 (51)	97 (64)	492 (179)	190 (38)	14,174	139	227
Hillsborough	805 (733)	1,229 (931)	7,454 (2,878)	4,812 (766)	231,326	2,238	3,683
Holmes	8 (4)	25 (12)	125 (28)	31 (7)	3,972	58	87
Indian River	63 (54)	108 (81)	529 (180)	384 (51)	20,313	220	370
Jackson	38 (27)	59 (43)	326 (118)	101 (27)	10,723	109	181
Jefferson	3 (3)	12 (11)	84 (49)	34 (4)	3,456	81	131
Lafayette	5 (5)	8 (5)	48 (12)	14 (1)	1,419	22	39
Lake	123 (98)	209 (154)	1,235 (426)	653 (96)	37,403	397	706
Lee	255 (233)	442 (334)	2,418 (995)	1,469 (261)	80,502	928	1,518
Levy	120 (108)	223 (188)	1,650 (700)	1,048 (125)	51,029	485	798

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Levy	24 (21)	39 (26)	240 (85)	101 (17)	7,155	79	147
Liberty	7 (4)	6 (5)	56 (18)	19 (4)	1,614	16	25
Madison	15 (13)	22 (19)	134 (63)	44 (13)	4,983	56	93
Manatee	172 (151)	265 (214)	1,583 (648)	840 (155)	48,041	443	714
Marion	189 (160)	296 (202)	1,508 (555)	741 (150)	51,393	663	1,143
Martin	69 (62)	79 (63)	526 (200)	441 (57)	21,441	219	354
Monroe	27 (20)	47 (32)	356 (110)	270 (49)	15,714	82	132
Nassau	25 (19)	73 (38)	464 (106)	183 (27)	14,239	140	236
Okaloosa	122 (102)	199 (113)	1,335 (336)	670 (70)	46,197	628	1,049
Okeechobee	41 (27)	53 (33)	276 (108)	109 (25)	8,994	96	153
Orange	609 (563)	1,061 (841)	6,563 (2,674)	4,679 (714)	201,318	1,809	3,054
Osceola	108 (94)	187 (126)	1,290 (422)	668 (108)	37,373	477	777
Palm Beach	532 (497)	811 (650)	5,948 (2,414)	5,761 (922)	209,925	1,934	3,155
Pasco	158 (135)	321 (223)	1,840 (598)	1,093 (169)	57,139	624	1,046
Pinellas	453 (420)	754 (636)	4,593 (1,869)	3,639 (563)	165,333	1,798	2,826
Polk	493 (430)	737 (545)	3,774 (1,522)	1,502 (303)	107,717	1,199	1,976
Putnam	85 (74)	131 (93)	522 (236)	156 (36)	17,447	131	214
St. Johns	57 (47)	93 (68)	526 (153)	510 (46)	22,882	219	362
St. Lucie	121 (101)	206 (161)	1,224 (483)	699 (155)	40,533	455	792
Santa Rosa	67 (55)	117 (73)	813 (177)	530 (48)	27,607	243	414
Sarasota	137 (121)	174 (145)	1,239 (427)	1,053 (134)	49,588	712	1,148
Seminole	133 (115)	288 (223)	2,032 (653)	1,793 (181)	84,456	711	1,208
Sumter	25 (22)	49 (38)	246 (95)	94 (25)	9,520	78	132
Suwannee	36 (27)	56 (29)	262 (78)	102 (16)	8,086	102	191
Taylor	17 (17)	33 (18)	140 (50)	51 (9)	4,960	43	71
Union	13 (13)	18 (13)	96 (34)	30 (9)	2,598	30	47
Volusia	203 (182)	405 (313)	2,385 (937)	1,437 (278)	84,064	911	1,540
Wakulla	11 (10)	38 (27)	145 (42)	62 (7)	4,906	47	79
Walton	27 (19)	51 (27)	237 (74)	102 (21)	8,043	71	118
Washington	6 (5)	23 (11)	153 (43)	44 (7)	5,125	38	61

Sources: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Florida

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DATA SOURCES

1997 National Survey of America's Families (NSAF)

The NSAF is part of the Urban Institute's multi-year Assessing the New Federalism project. The 1997 survey helped describe the well-being of America's families by examining employment, earnings and income, educational attainment, family structure, health status, psychological well-being, participation in religious and volunteer activities, knowledge about availability of services, and participation in government programs. Data from the survey provide estimates for selected states as well as for the nation as a whole. Detailed information was obtained on 75,437 adults and 34,439 children in 44,461 households across the United States. For the Florida state-level report, data on 2,063 children were analyzed. Additional information about the NSAF is available at <http://newfederalism.urban.org/nsaf>.

Current Population Survey (CPS), March Supplement

The CPS, conducted for over 50 years by the US Bureau of the Census for the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, is a monthly survey of about 50,000 households. The March supplement, also known as the Annual Demographic Survey, is the primary source of detailed information on income and work experience in the United States. This survey is used to generate the annual Population Profile of the United States, reports on geographical mobility and educational attainment, and detailed analysis of money income and poverty status. In addition to the numerous reports issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census based on data from this survey, a public-use data file is available for private researchers to use for academic and policy-related analyses. Additional information about the CPS is available at <http://www.bls.census.gov/cps>.

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

The NCHS is the Federal Government's principal vital and health statistics agency, providing a wide variety of data that can be used to monitor the Nation's health. The NCHS is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Additional information about NCHS is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>.

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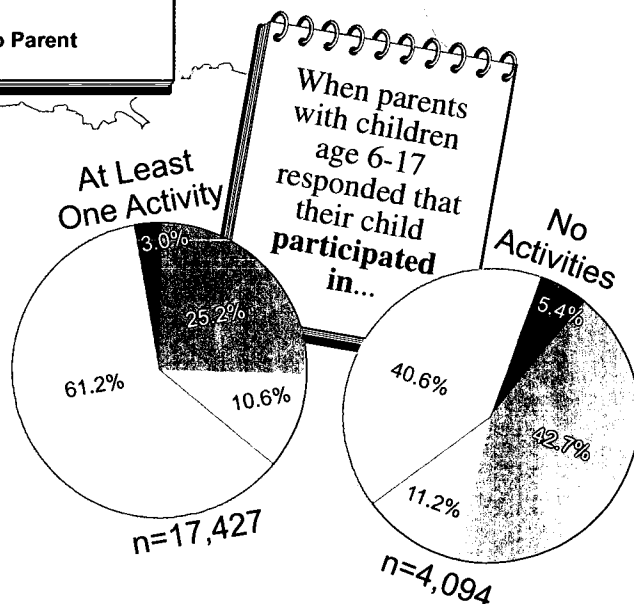
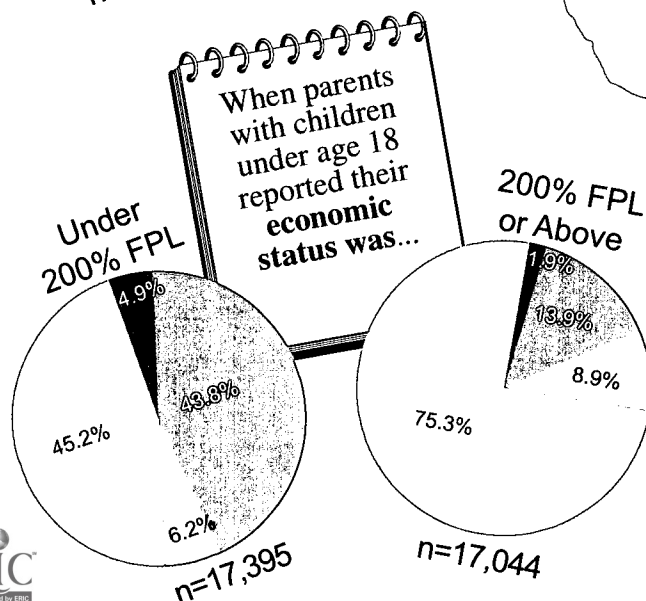
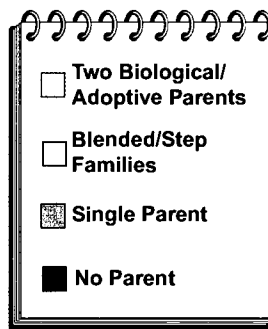
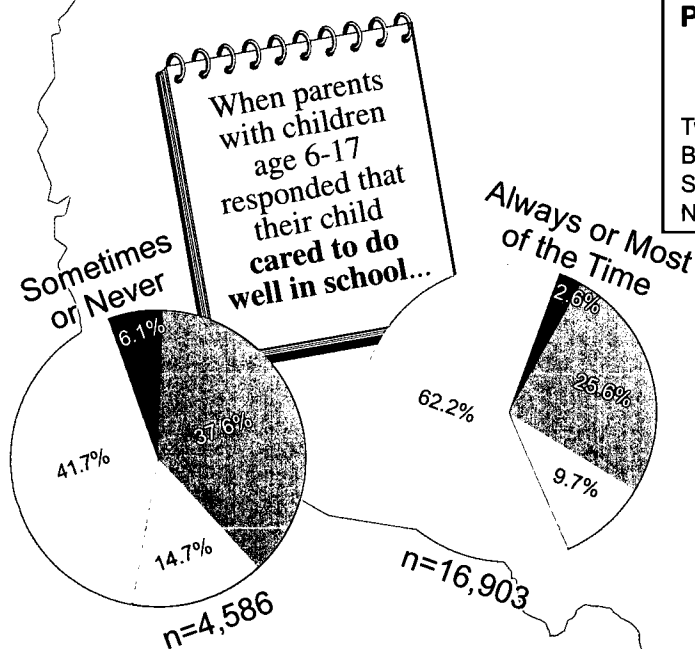
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Two Biological/Adoptive Parents	55.8	29.5	13.7	1.0
Blended/Step Families	45.1	26.9	26.2	1.8
Single Parent	43.7	28.9	25.2	2.2
No Parents	40.6	21.9	34.4	3.0

Percent of Children Ages 6 - 17 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement By Number of Activities, US, 1997

	No Activity	One Activity	Two Activities	Three Activities
Two Biological/Adoptive Parents	12.0	34.2	38.1	15.7
Blended/Step Families	17.9	38.1	31.4	12.6
Single Parent	25.8	38.7	25.0	10.5
No Parents	27.3	44.0	22.2	6.4

Percent of Children Under Age 18 Within Each Type of Living Arrangement By Poverty Level, US, 1997

	<100% FPL	100%-199% FPL	≥200% FPL
Two Biological/Adoptive Parents	10.7	20.4	68.9
Blended/Step Families	11.3	23.2	65.5
Single Parent	44.6	25.6	29.8
No Parents	37.7	28.4	33.9





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