

## ES 3.1

**PARENTAL LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION:  
PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH BOTH PARENTS  
OR ONLY RESIDENT PARENT IN THE LABOR FORCE**

Over the last three decades, the proportion of single-parent families has increased, as has the proportion of mothers who work regardless of marital status.<sup>30</sup> These factors have reduced the percentage of children who have a parent at home full time. Figure ES 3.1 presents data on the percentage of children who have all resident parents participating in the labor force<sup>31</sup> at some level for the years 1985, 1990, and 1994 through 1997.

**Parents in the Labor Force by Family Structure.** Between 1985 and 1997, the percentage of children who have all resident parents in the labor force increased from 59 percent to 68 percent (see Figure ES 3.1). Between 1990 and 1996, the percentage of children who have all resident parents participating in the labor force was similar for both married-couple families and single-mother families; however, the rate for single-mother families increased sharply from 66 percent in 1996 to 72 percent in 1997, while the rate for married-couple families increased only slightly. The rate for children in single-father families has remained much higher, at 88 percent.

**Parents in the Labor Force by Age of Child.** Children under age 6 have been less likely than older children to have all resident parents in the labor force (see Table ES 3.1). In 1997, 61 percent of younger children had all resident parents in the labor force, compared with 71 percent for older children.

**Parents in the Labor Force by Race and Hispanic Origin.** Between 1985 and 1990, white children, black children, and Hispanic children all became more likely to have all their resident parents in the labor force (see Table ES 3.1). Between 1990 and 1996, the rates stayed virtually the same for blacks and Hispanics, and increased modestly for whites; however, the rate for all three groups increased between 1996 and 1997, with especially large increases for blacks. Between 1996 and 1997 the rate for black children of all ages increased from 64 percent to 71 percent, and the rate for black children under age 6 increased from 58 percent to 68 percent. By 1997, 68 percent of white children, 71 percent of black children, and 54 percent of Hispanic children lived in families in which all resident parents were working.

<sup>30</sup>Bianchi, S.M. 1995. "Changing Economic Roles of Women and Men." In *State of the Union: America in the 1990s*, Volume 1 (Reynolds Farley, ed.). New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

<sup>31</sup>Participating in the labor force means either working or actively seeking work.

Table ES 3.1

Percentage of children in the United States with both parents or only resident parent in the labor force, by age, family structure, and race and Hispanic origin:<sup>a</sup> selected years, 1985-1997

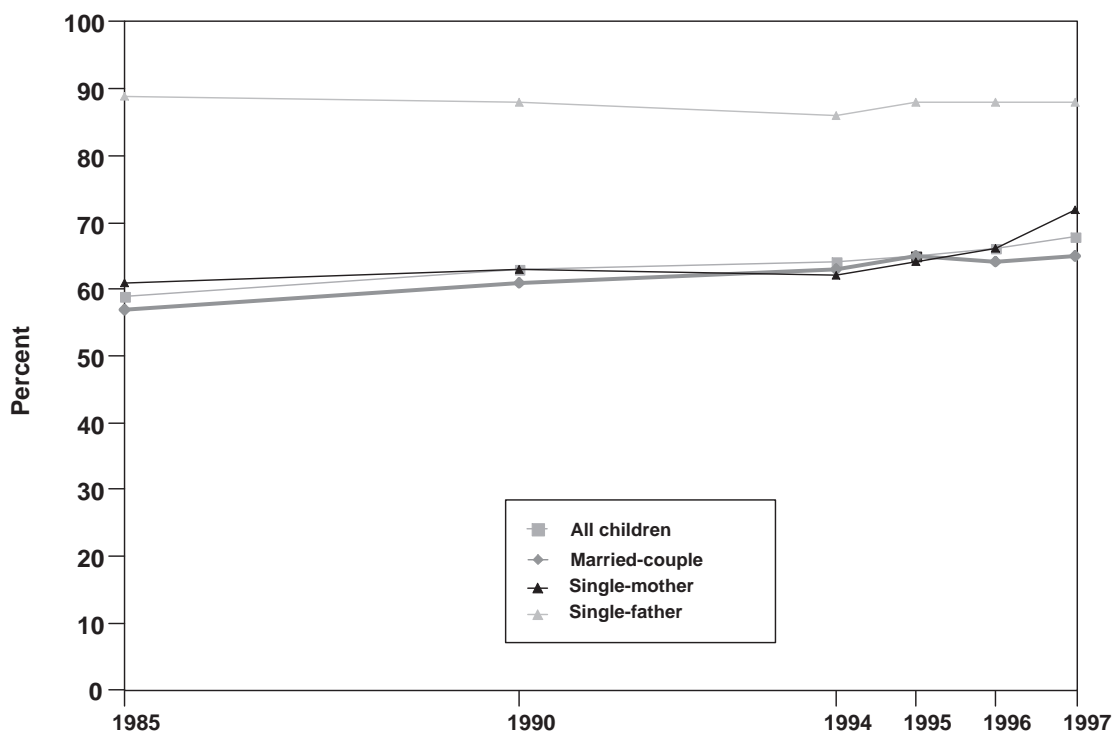
	1985	1990	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>All children</b>	59	63	64	65	66	68
Under age 6	51	55	56	59	58	61
Ages 6-17	63	67	68	69	70	71
<b>Family structure</b>						
<b>Married-couple</b>	57	61	63	65	64	65
Under age 6	51	54	57	59	58	58
Ages 6-17	61	65	67	68	67	69
<b>Single-mother</b>	61	63	62	64	66	72
Under age 6	49	51	52	54	56	65
Ages 6-17	67	70	68	69	72	76
<b>Single-father</b>	89	88	86	88	88	88
Under age 6	90	90	85	86	86	89
Ages 6-17	89	88	86	88	89	88
<b>Race and Hispanic origin<sup>a</sup></b>						
<b>White</b>	59	63	64	66	66	68
Under age 6	51	55	57	59	58	61
Ages 6-17	63	67	68	70	70	71
<b>Black</b>	60	63	62	64	64	71
Under age 6	54	55	56	57	58	68
Ages 6-17	63	67	66	67	68	73
<b>Hispanic</b>	45	50	49	50	50	54
Under age 6	40	44	41	44	43	49
Ages 6-17	48	54	54	54	55	57

<sup>a</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Estimates for whites and blacks include persons of Hispanic origin.

Sources: 1985, 1990, 1994 and 1995 statistics calculated by Child Trends, Inc., based on the March 1985, 1990, 1994, and 1995 Current Population Surveys; 1996 and 1997 statistics calculated by the U.S. Bureau of the Census based on the 1996 and 1997 Current Population Surveys.

Figure ES 3.1

Percentage of children under age 18 in the United States with both parents or only resident parent in the labor force, by family structure: selected years, 1985-1997



Sources: 1985, 1990, 1994 and 1995 statistics calculated by Child Trends, Inc., based on the March 1985, 1990, 1994, and 1995 Current Population Surveys; 1996 and 1997 statistics calculated by the U.S. Bureau of the Census based on the 1996 and 1997 Current Population Surveys.



## ES 3.2

**MATERNAL EMPLOYMENT: PERCENTAGE OF MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE EMPLOYED, FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME**

Over the last several decades, the increasing proportion of mothers moving into employment has had substantial consequences for the everyday lives of families with children. Maternal employment adds to the financial resources available to families, and is often the only source of income for families headed by single mothers--although if child-care services are purchased and unsubsidized, they may offset a substantial percentage of low-wage mothers' earnings.

Maternal employment rates for all mothers with children under age 18 increased steadily from 53 percent to 63 percent between 1980 and 1990 (see Figure ES 3.2.A). From 1990 to 1996, rates increased at a slower pace from 63 percent to 66 percent. This pattern of increasing maternal employment was evident for all mothers, regardless of the age of their children.

**Differences by Age of Child.** The percentage of mothers who are employed increases with the age of the youngest child for all time periods presented in Table ES 3.2.A. In 1996, 55 percent of mothers with children under age 3 were employed, compared with 63 percent and 74 percent for mothers with youngest children ages 3-5 and 6-17, respectively.

**Differences by Race and Hispanic Origin.** In 1996, 67 percent of white mothers, 63 percent of black mothers, and 49 percent of Hispanic mothers were employed (see Table ES 3.2.A). Black mothers were the most likely to be employed full-time (52 percent). All three groups substantially increased their rates of employment between 1980 and 1990; however, the rate of employment for Hispanic women has essentially remained unchanged since then. In contrast, the rate of employment for white women has continued to increase, while the rate of employment for black women has grown slightly.

**Differences by Marital Status.** Throughout the period between 1980 and 1996, divorced mothers had higher rates of employment than never-married or currently married mothers (see Table ES 3.2.A). Employment increased from 62 percent to 68 percent for married mothers, from 40 to 49 percent for never-married mothers, and from 75 to 79 percent for divorced mothers.

**Full-Time Versus Part-Time Employment.** Among all employed mothers, 71 percent were working full-time in 1996 (see Figure ES 3.2.B). Employed mothers with older children were more likely to work full-time than those with young children, with rates ranging from 66 percent for mothers with children under age 3, to 74 percent for mothers with a youngest child between the ages of 6 and 17. Divorced mothers were more likely to work full-time (84 percent) than never-married mothers (72 percent) and married mothers (68 percent). Black mothers who were employed were more likely to work full-time (83 percent) than white mothers (69 percent) or Hispanic mothers (76 percent).

Table ES 3.2.A

Percentage of mothers in the United States with children under age 18 who were employed, full- time and part-time<sup>a</sup>, by age of youngest child, marital status, and race and Hispanic origin:<sup>b</sup> selected years, 1980-1996

	1980 <sup>a</sup>	1988	1990	1994	1995	1996
<b>Total employed</b>	53	60	63	64	66	66
Working full-time	—	44	46	45	46	47
Working part-time	—	16	17	19	19	19
<b>Age of youngest child</b>						
<b>Under age 3</b>	37	47	50	52	54	55
Working full-time	—	32	34	34	35	36
Working part-time	—	15	16	18	19	19
<b>Ages 3-5</b>	50	57	61	60	62	63
Working full-time	—	40	43	41	42	43
Working part-time	—	17	18	19	20	20
<b>Ages 6-17</b>	60	70	70	72	73	74
Working full-time	—	53	53	53	53	55
Working part-time	—	17	17	19	19	19
<b>Marital status</b>						
<b>Married, spouse presently employed</b>	62	63	66	67	67	68
Working full-time	—	43	44	45	45	46
Working part-time	—	19	19	21	22	21
<b>Never married</b>	40	45	46	48	48	49
Working full-time	—	32	36	34	35	35
Working part-time	—	8	9	12	13	14
<b>Divorced</b>	75	75	74	77	77	79
Working full-time	—	66	66	63	64	66
Working part-time	—	9	9	11	13	13
<b>Race and Hispanic origin<sup>b</sup></b>						
<b>White</b>	52	62	63	65	67	67
Working full-time	—	44	44	45	46	47
Working part-time	—	18	19	20	21	21
<b>Black</b>	54	56	61	58	62	63
Working full-time	—	48	53	47	50	52
Working part-time	—	8	8	11	11	10
<b>Hispanic</b>	42	49	50	48	49	49
Working full-time	—	38	39	36	37	37
Working part-time	—	11	11	12	12	12

<sup>a</sup>Percentages for 1980 are not presented separately by marital status and full-time vs. part-time due to incompatibilities with definitions used in later years. Sums may not add to totals due to rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Estimates for whites and blacks include persons of Hispanic origin.

Source: Unpublished tables, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on analyses of March Current Population Surveys for 1980, 1988, 1990, 1994-1996.

Table ES 3.2.B

Number (in thousands) and percentage of employed mothers in the United States who worked full-time, by age of youngest child, marital status, and race and Hispanic origin:<sup>a</sup> 1996

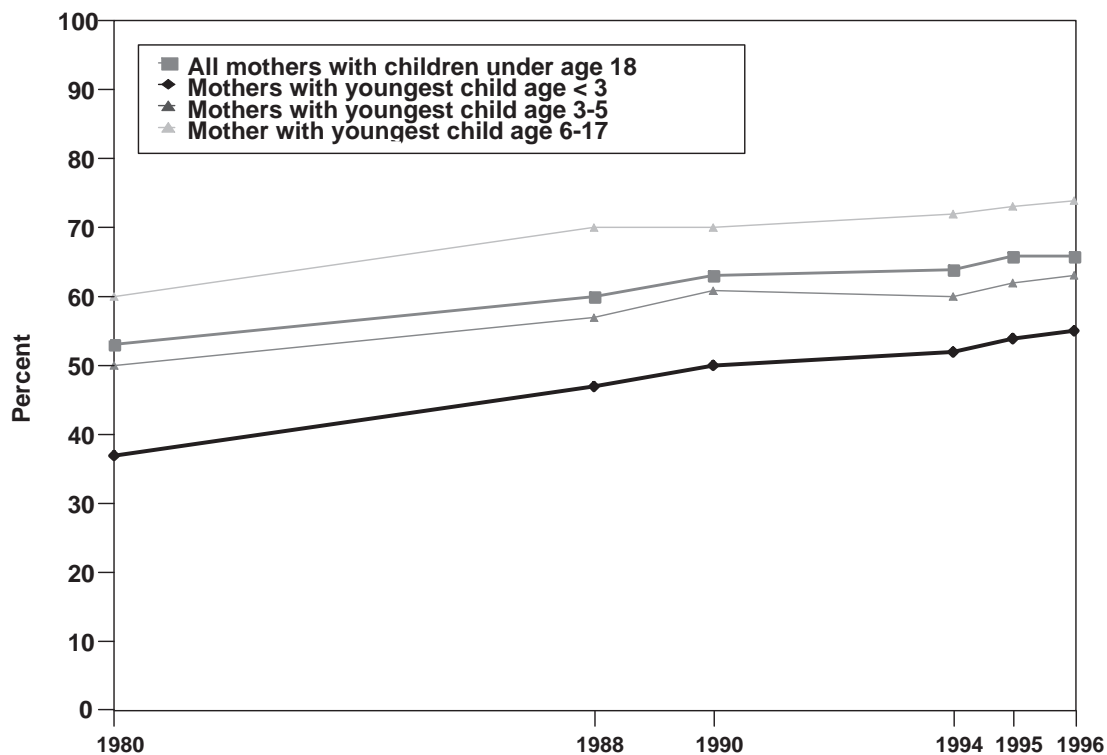
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Percent Full-time
<b>All mothers</b>	16,712	6,673	23,386	71
<b>Age of youngest child</b>				
Under age 3	3,431	1,791	5,222	66
Ages 3-5	3,007	1,363	4,370	69
Ages 6-17	10,274	3,519	13,794	74
<b>Marital status</b>				
Married	11,737	5,398	17,136	68
Never married	1,317	512	1,829	72
Divorced	2,420	460	2,880	84
<b>Race and Hispanic origin<sup>a</sup></b>				
White	13,246	5,918	19,164	69
Black	2,644	525	3,170	83
Hispanic	1,654	523	2,177	76

<sup>a</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Estimates for whites and blacks include persons of Hispanic origin.

Source: Unpublished tables, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on analysis of March Current Population Survey for 1996.

Figure ES 3.2.A

Percentage of mothers in the United States with children under age 18 who were employed, by age of youngest child: selected years, 1980-1996

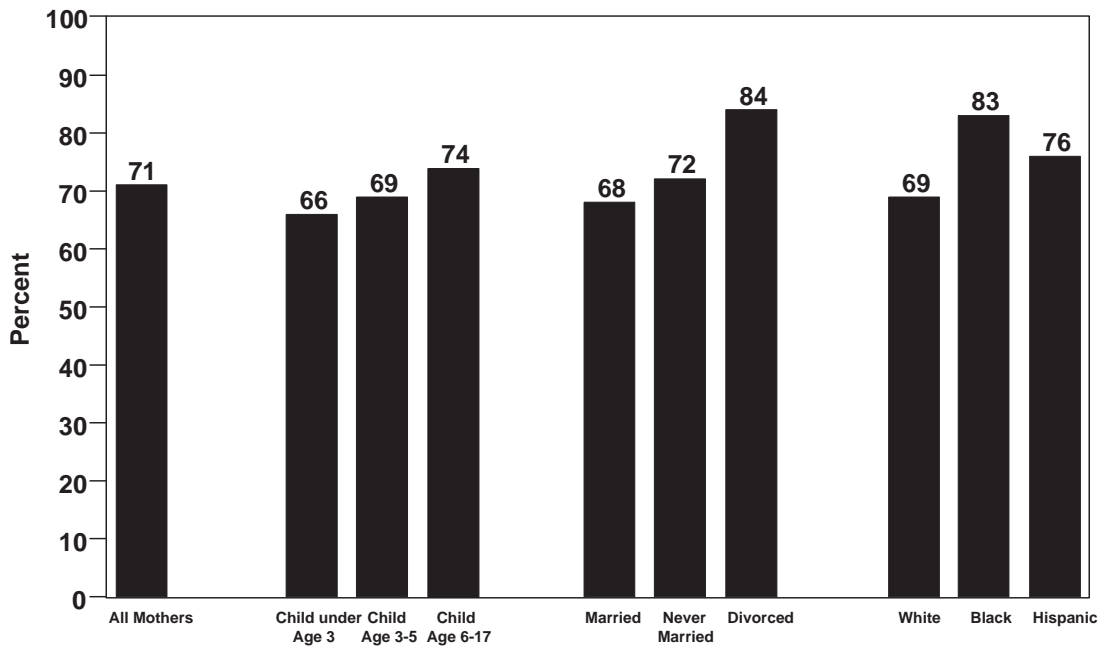


Source: Unpublished tables, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on analyses of March Current Population Surveys for 1980, 1988, 1990, 1994-1996.



Figure ES 3.2.B

Percentage of employed mothers in the United States who worked full-time, by age of youngest child, marital status, and race and Hispanic origin:<sup>a</sup> 1996



<sup>a</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Estimates for whites and blacks include persons of Hispanic origin.

Source: Unpublished tables, Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on analyses of March Current Population Surveys for 1980, 1988, 1990, 1994-1996.



## ES 3.3

**PARENTAL LABOR FORCE DETACHMENT:  
THE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18  
WITH NO RESIDENT PARENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE**

Attachment to the labor force is, for the vast majority of families, a necessary prerequisite for financial and social stability. Children who have no parents in the labor force are at considerably higher risk of poverty, which can have long-term negative consequences for their well-being.<sup>32,33</sup>

Figure ES 3.3 presents trends in the proportion of children living in families where there were no resident parents attached to the labor force. Data are presented for 1985, 1990, and 1994 through 1997, by family structure, age of child, and race and Hispanic origin. During that period, approximately 1 in 10 children lived in families in which all resident parents were detached from the labor force. The percentages fluctuated within a narrow range throughout the period.

**Labor Force Detachment by Family Structure and Age of Child.** The rate of parental labor force detachment for children in married-couple families was very low, fluctuating between 2 and 3 percent between 1985 and 1997; however, detachment rates for children in families headed by single mothers were more than 10 times higher throughout the period. In 1985, 39 percent of children living in single-mother families had a nonworking mother (see Figure ES 3.3). This percentage dropped to 28 percent by 1997. For children under age 6 in single-mother families, the percentage of mothers not working dropped from 51 percent in 1985 to 35 percent in 1997. (see Table ES 3.3).

In families headed by single mothers, mothers of children under age 6 were more likely to be detached from the labor force than mothers of older children. The gap between the two age groups was 11 percentage points in 1997 (35 percent versus 24 percent). Children living in families headed by single fathers experienced parental labor force detachment rates between 11 and 14 percent between 1985 and 1997. This is substantially less than rates experienced by children in families headed by single mothers (12 percent versus 28 percent in 1997), but substantially higher than those in married-couple families (2 percent).

**Labor Force Detachment by Race and Hispanic Origin.** White children were much less likely than black or Hispanic children to have no resident parents in the labor force in 1997, with rates of 7 percent, 20 percent, and 14 percent, respectively.

<sup>32</sup>Blau, F., and Grossberg, A. 1992. "Maternal Labor Supply and Children's Cognitive Development." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 74, 474-481.

<sup>33</sup>Duncan, G., and Brooks-Gunn, J. 1997. "Income Effects Across the Life Span: Integration and Interpretation." In *Consequences of Growing Up Poor* (G. Duncan and J. Brooks-Gunn, eds.). New York: Russell Sage Press.

Table ES 3.3

Percentage of children in the United States with no resident parent in the labor force, by age, family structure, and race and Hispanic origin:<sup>a</sup> selected years, 1985-1997

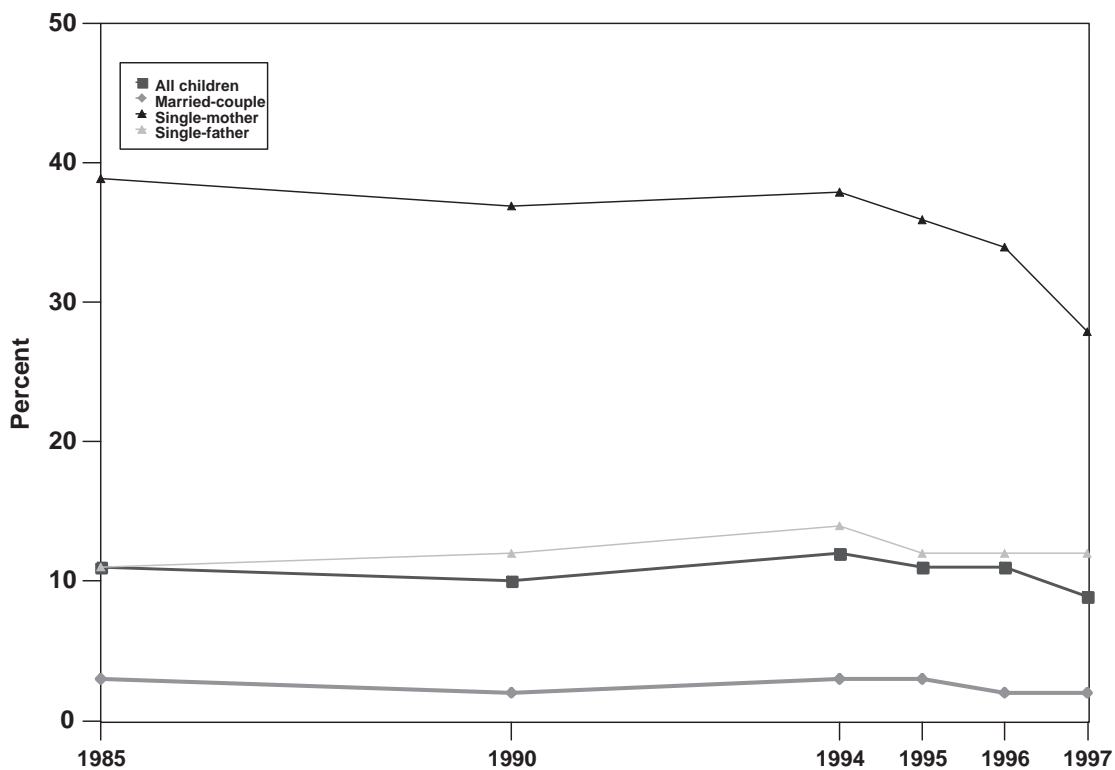
	1985	1990	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>All children</b>	11	10	12	11	11	9
Under age 6	12	13	14	14	13	10
Ages 6-17	10	9	11	10	9	8
<b>Family structure</b>						
<b>Married-couple</b>	3	2	3	3	2	2
Under age 6	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ages 6-17	3	3	3	3	3	2
<b>Single-mother</b>	39	37	38	36	34	28
Under age 6	51	49	48	46	44	35
Ages 6-17	33	30	32	31	28	24
<b>Single-father</b>	11	12	14	12	12	12
Under age 6	10	10	15	14	14	11
Ages 6-17	11	12	14	12	11	12
<b>Race and Hispanic origin<sup>a</sup></b>						
<b>White</b>	8	7	9	8	7	7
Under age 6	8	9	11	10	9	7
Ages 6-17	7	6	8	7	7	6
<b>Black</b>	27	26	27	27	25	20
Under age 6	33	34	33	33	32	23
Ages 6-17	24	21	24	23	21	18
<b>Hispanic</b>	19	17	19	19	17	14
Under age 6	20	19	22	21	20	15
Ages 6-17	19	16	18	17	15	13

<sup>a</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Estimates for whites and blacks include persons of Hispanic origin.

Sources: 1985, 1990, 1994 and 1995 statistics calculated by Child Trends, Inc., based on analyses of the March 1985, 1990, 1994, and 1995 Current Population Surveys; 1996 and 1997 statistics calculated by U.S. Bureau of the Census based on the March 1996 and 1997 Current Population Surveys.

Figure ES 3.3

Percentage of children under age 18 in the United States with no resident parent in the labor force, by family structure: selected years, 1985-1997



Sources: 1985, 1990, 1994 and 1995 statistics calculated by Child Trends, Inc., based on analyses of the March 1985, 1990, 1994, and 1995 Current Population Surveys; 1996 and 1997 statistics calculated by U.S. Bureau of the Census based on the March 1996 and 1997 Current Population Surveys.



## ES 3.4

**SECURE PARENTAL LABOR FORCE ATTACHMENT:  
PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH AT LEAST ONE FULLY  
EMPLOYED (Full-time, Full-year) RESIDENT PARENT**

Parents' full-time employment over the course of an entire year indicates a secure attachment to the labor force and produces a degree of financial security for their children. As shown in Table ES 3.4, the percentage of children in families with at least one securely attached parent increased from 69 percent to 75 percent over the period 1984 to 1996; however, there were substantial and persistent variations in the rate of secure parental attachment to the labor force by race and Hispanic origin, poverty status, age of children, and family structure.

**Differences by Race and Hispanic Origin.** The parents of children in white families consistently have the highest rates of secure attachment to the labor force. Throughout the entire 1984-1996 period, more than 70 percent of white children had at least one parent with a secure labor force attachment. In 1996, the rate for white children was 79 percent (see Figure ES 3.4). In contrast, 56 percent of black children and 64 percent of Hispanic children lived in families with at least one parent who was securely attached to the labor force.

**Differences by Poverty Status.** Secure parental labor force attachment is associated with escaping poverty. In 1996, only 25 percent of poor families with children had at least one parent with a secure labor force attachment, while 87 percent of nonpoor families had at least one securely attached parent (see Figure ES 3.4). The percentage of poor families with at least one parent securely attached to the labor force has increased over the period, from 20 percent in 1984 to 25 percent in 1996.

**Differences by Age of Children.** Secure parental labor force attachment is more common among families with older children. In 1996, 78 percent of families with children ages 12 through 17 had at least one parent who was securely attached to the labor force, compared with 71 percent of families with children under age 6 (see Figure ES 3.4).

**Differences by Family Structure.** Married-couple families are far more likely than other family types to have at least one parent securely attached to the labor force. In 1996, 88 percent of married-couple families had at least one securely attached parent. In contrast, only 39 percent of the single-mother families and 67 percent of the single-father families had a securely attached parent (see Figure ES 3.4).

Table ES 3.4

Percentage of children in the United States with at least one fully employed (full-time, full-year) resident parent, by race and Hispanic origin,<sup>a</sup> poverty status, age, and family structure: selected years, 1984-1996

	1984	1989	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>Total</b>	69	73	71	73	74	75
<b>Race and Hispanic origin<sup>a</sup></b>						
White	73	78	76	77	78	79
Black	48	51	49	52	53	56
Hispanic	58	62	57	59	61	64
<b>Poverty status</b>						
At or below poverty	20	22	21	24	25	25
Above poverty	83	85	85	86	86	87
<b>Child's age</b>						
Under age 6	65	69	67	68	69	71
Ages 6-11	70	74	72	73	75	76
Ages 12-17	73	78	75	76	78	78
<b>Family structure</b>						
Married-couple	80	85	85	86	87	88
Single-mother	32	34	33	35	38	39
Single-father	61	64	61	60	67	67

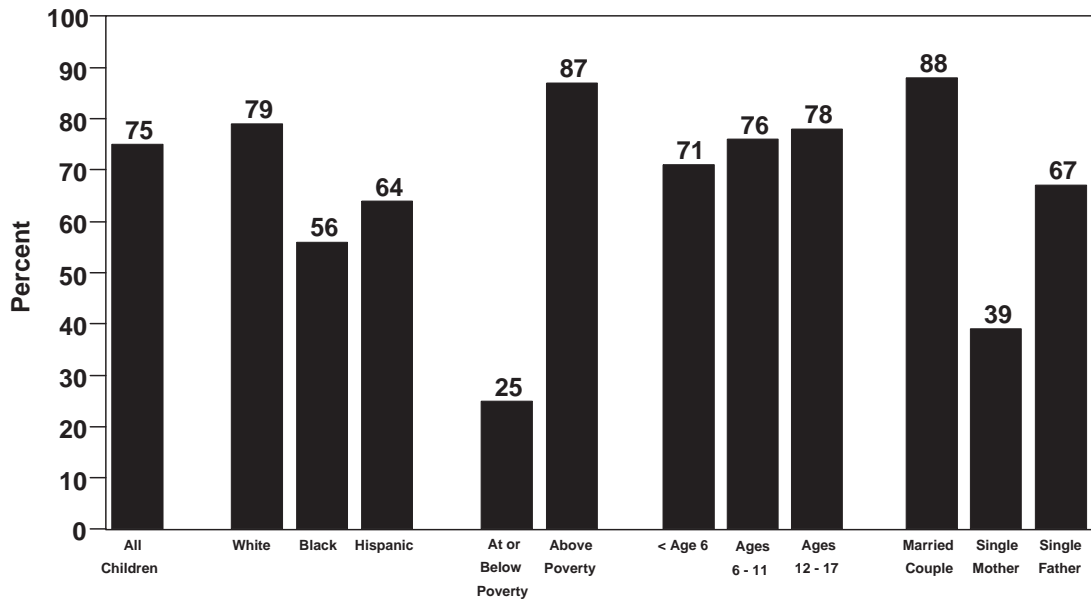
<sup>a</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Estimates for whites and blacks include persons of Hispanic origin.

Sources: 1984-1994 statistics calculated by Child Trends, Inc., based on analyses of the March 1985, 1994, and 1995 Current Population Surveys; 1995 and 1996 statistics calculated by U.S. Bureau of the Census based on analyses of the March 1996 and 1997 Current Population Surveys.



Figure ES 3.4

Percentage of children under age 18 in the United States with at least one fully employed (full-time, full-year) resident parent, by race and Hispanic origin,<sup>a</sup> poverty status, age, and family structure: 1996



<sup>a</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Estimates for whites and blacks include persons of Hispanic origin.

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## ES 3.5

**CHILD CARE**

The child care needs of American families have been increasing over the past several decades as mothers have moved into the labor force in ever greater numbers. Child care that is reliable and of high quality is especially important for infants and preschoolers because they are dependent on caregivers for their basic needs and safety. Yet, the quality of care varies substantially in the United States.<sup>34</sup> Research has clearly demonstrated that child care quality can have substantial impacts on the development of a young child's personality, cognitive skills, social skills, and well-being.

**Child Care Centers and Preschools.** Working mothers with preschool children have increasingly chosen care provided in day care centers and preschools. In 1965, only 8 percent of mothers working full-time chose day care centers and preschools for child care (see Table ES 3.5.A). By 1994, 34 percent did so. Similarly, for children whose mothers worked part-time, use of child care centers and preschools increased from 3 percent in 1965 to 22 percent in 1994.

**Child Care in a Nonrelative's Home.** For children of full-time working mothers, care in a nonrelative's home peaked at 27 percent in the mid-1980s, then declined to 18 percent by 1994. Similarly, for children whose mothers worked part-time, care in a nonrelative's home peaked at 19 percent in 1982 and has since declined to 10 percent.

**Child Care at Home.** The fraction of children of full-time working mothers cared for at home by either relatives or nonrelatives was 26 percent in 1994, compared with 21 percent in 1988 and 47 percent in 1965. The fraction of children of part-time working mothers cared for at home was 45 percent in 1994, compared with 40 percent in 1984-1985 and 47 percent in 1965 (see Table ES 3.5.A).

**Child Care Arrangements by Various Child and Family Characteristics.** Table ES 3.5.B presents 1994 estimates of the distribution of child care types used by all working mothers (regardless of hours worked) by child's race and Hispanic origin and age, mother's marital status and educational attainment, poverty status, monthly income, and AFDC program participation status. The information in this table indicates the following:

- Relatives usually care for employed mothers' children before their first birthday. In 1994, 56 percent of infants were cared for by relatives either inside or outside the child's home (see Figure ES 3.5). About one-quarter were cared for by nonrelatives inside or outside the child's home, and only 18 percent were cared for in day care centers or preschools. Among toddlers (ages 1-2), about half (51 percent) were cared for by relatives, while the other half were split about evenly between day care centers and preschools (26 percent) and nonrelatives (22 percent). Among children of preschool age (ages 3-4), 44 percent were cared for by relatives, another 37 percent in day care centers and preschools, and 16 percent were cared for by nonrelatives.
- Hispanic families were less likely than white and black non-Hispanics to use day care centers and preschools. In 1994, 19 percent of Hispanic children of working mothers were cared for in day care centers and preschools, compared with 31 percent of non-Hispanic white children and 34 percent of non-Hispanic black children.
- Children of employed mothers with higher socioeconomic status were the most likely to be receiving care from a day care center or preschool. For example, 22 percent of poor children under age 5 received care from such sources, compared with 30 percent of non-poor children. Only 20 percent of children whose mothers had less than a high school diploma received care from a day care center or preschool, compared with 35 percent of children whose mothers had a college degree. In contrast, 63 percent of children of poor mothers were cared for by relatives, compared with only 48 percent of children of nonpoor mothers; and 64 percent of

<sup>34</sup>Whitebook, M., Phillips, D., and Howes, C. 1989. *National Child Care Staffing Study*. Oakland, CA: Child Care Employees Project; Hayes, C.D., Palmer, J.L., and Zaslow, M.J. (eds.). 1990. *Who Cares for America's Children? Child Care Policy for the 1990s*. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press.

children of working mothers without a high school diploma were cared for by relatives, compared with only 38 percent of children of mothers with a college degree.

- Children whose families participated in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program were about as likely as other children to attend day care centers or preschools (27 percent for participants versus 29 percent for nonparticipants). They were somewhat less likely to be cared for by their fathers (15 percent for participants versus 19 percent for nonparticipants) and more likely to be cared for by their grandparents (21 percent for participants versus 16 percent for nonparticipants).<sup>35</sup>

Table ES 3.5.A

**Percentage of children under age 5 in the United States with employed mothers, by employment status and child care arrangement: selected years, 1965-1994**

	1965 <sup>a,b</sup>	1977 <sup>b</sup>	1982 <sup>b</sup>	1984-85	1988	1991	1993	1994
<b>Mother employed full-time</b>								
Day care center or preschool	8	15	20	30	31	28	34	34
Nonrelative care in provider's home	20	27	25	27	27	21	18	18
Grandparent/other relative in relative's home	18	21	21	16	14	14	17	17
Father in child's home	10	11	11	10	8	15	11	13
Other care in child's home <sup>c</sup>	37	18	16	13	13	15	15	13
Other care outside child's home <sup>d</sup>	7	8	7	4	7	7	5	5
<b>Mother employed part-time</b>								
Day care center or preschool	3	9	8	17	17	15	23	22
Nonrelative care in provider's home	8	16	19	14	17	13	14	10
Grandparent/other relative in relative's home	9	13	16	16	11	11	13	13
Father in child's home	23	23	21	22	27	29	25	28
Other care in child's home <sup>c</sup>	24	20	20	18	14	17	15	17
Other care outside child's home <sup>d</sup>	33	19	26	13	14	15	10	10

<sup>a</sup>Data for 1965 are for children under 6 years old.

<sup>b</sup>Data for 1982 and earlier are based on survey questions that asked about care arrangements for the youngest child in the family. Percentages for 1982 and earlier have been recalculated after removal of cases in "don't know" category.

<sup>c</sup>Includes care by relatives and nonrelatives.

<sup>d</sup>Includes children who are cared for by their mother at work, or in kindergarten or school-based activities.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-23, No. 117; U. S. Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-70, No. 9, No. 20, No. 30, No. 36, No. 53; U.S. Bureau of the Census; Casper, L.M. 1997. "Who's Minding Our Preschoolers? Fall 1994 (Update)." *Current Population Reports*, P70-62 and PPL-81. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

<sup>35</sup>Statistics for grandparents provided in Casper, Lynne M. 1997. "Who's Minding Our Preschoolers? Fall 1994 (Update)." *Current Population Reports*, Supplementary Tables, PPL-81. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table ES 3.5.B

Percentage of children under age 5 in the United State with employed mothers, by child care arrangement and selected characteristics: 1994

	Day Care Center/ Preschool <sup>a</sup>	Father in Child's Home	Other Relative in Child's Home	Nonrelative in Child's Home	Relative in Another Home	Nonrelative in Another Home	Mother Cares for Child <sup>b</sup>	Other Care Arrangements <sup>c</sup>
<b>All preschoolers</b>	29	18	9	5	16	15	5	1
<b>Race and Hispanic origin</b>								
White, non-Hispanic	31	20	7	6	14	16	7	1
Black, non-Hispanic	34	11	13	2	23	13	3	2
Hispanic <sup>d</sup>	19	17	15	6	24	15	2	2
Other	21	22	19	6	12	15	3	2
<b>Age of child</b>								
Under 1 year	18	21	11	7	17	19	7	0
Ages 1-2	26	19	10	5	18	17	4	0
Ages 3-4	37	17	8	4	13	12	6	2
<b>Marital status</b>								
Married, husband present	29	22	6	6	14	16	6	1
All other marital statuses <sup>e</sup>	31	5	21	3	22	15	3	1
<b>Educational attainment</b>								
Less than high school	20	24	15	4	20	12	5	1
High school, 4 years	26	17	11	3	19	16	5	1
College, 1-3 years	32	21	7	4	14	14	6	1
College, 4 or more years	35	15	6	9	11	17	5	1
<b>Poverty status<sup>f</sup></b>								
Below poverty	22	18	15	4	20	11	10	1
Above poverty	30	19	9	5	15	16	5	1
<b>Monthly family income<sup>f</sup></b>								
Less than \$1,200	24	17	11	4	22	15	6	1
\$1,200 to \$2,999	26	22	10	3	19	13	6	1
\$3,000 to \$4,499	27	19	10	4	15	18	6	2
\$4,500 and over	36	15	7	9	12	16	5	1
<b>Program participation</b>								
AFDC recipient	27	15	17	3	18	11	6	2
AFDC nonrecipient	29	19	9	5	16	16	5	1

<sup>a</sup>Includes day care centers, nursery schools, and preschools.

<sup>b</sup>Includes mothers working at home or away from home.

<sup>c</sup>Includes preschoolers in kindergarten and school-based activities.

<sup>d</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

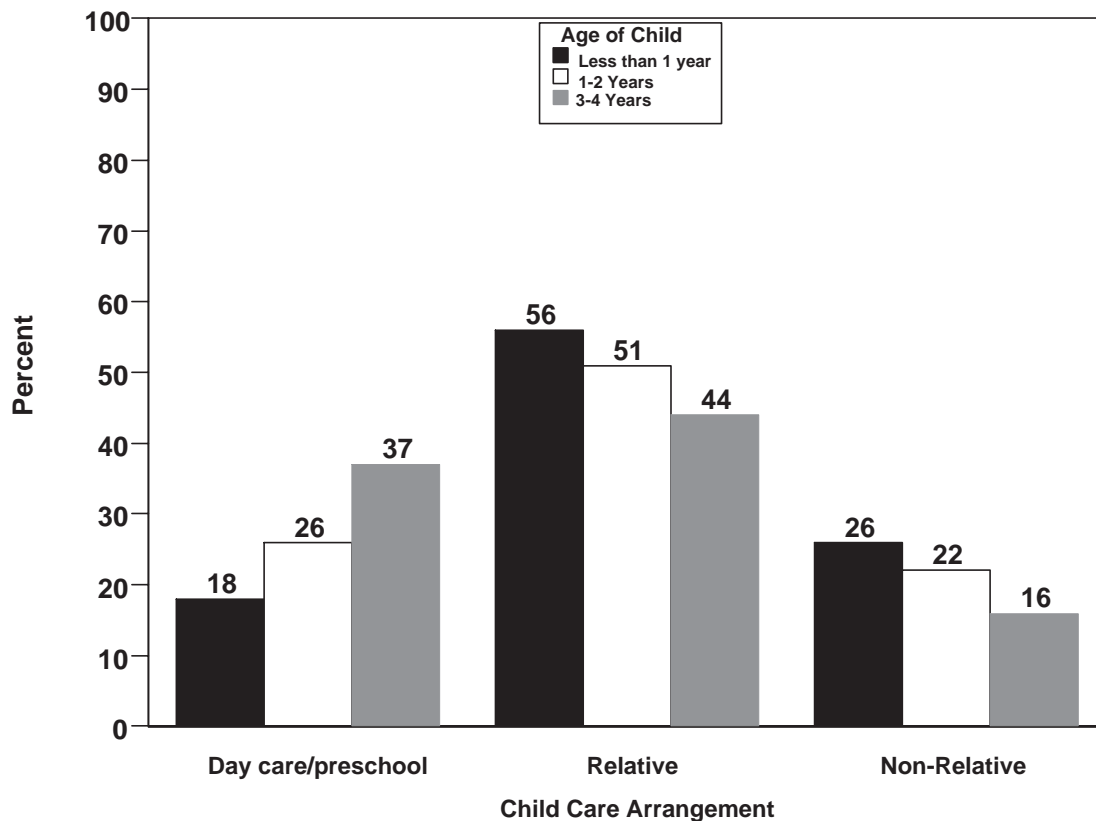
<sup>e</sup>Includes married, spouse absent, widowed, separated, divorced, and never married.

<sup>f</sup>Omits preschoolers whose families did not report income.

Source: Casper, Lynne M. 1997. "Who's Minding Our Preschoolers? Fall 1994 (Update)." *Current Population Reports*, P70-62 and PPL-81. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Figure ES 3.5

Percentage of children under age 5 in the United States with employed mothers, by child care arrangement and by age of child: 1994



Source: Casper, Lynne M. 1997. "Who's Minding Our Preschoolers? Fall 1994 (Update)." *Current Population Reports*, P70-62 and PPL-81. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

## ES 3.6

**DETACHED YOUTH: PERCENTAGE OF 16- THROUGH 19-YEAR-OLDS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING**

“Detached youth” refers to young people ages 16 through 19 who are neither enrolled in school nor working. This detachment, particularly if it lasts for several years, increases the risk that a young person, over time, will have lower earnings and a less stable employment history than his or her peers who stayed in school and/or secured jobs.<sup>36</sup>

Since 1985, the percentage of detached youth has fluctuated between 9 and 11 percent (see Table ES 3.6). In 1996, 9 percent of all youth ages 16 through 19 were detached.

**Differences by Sex.** Young women are more likely than young men to be detached from both school and employment. In 1996, 11 percent of young women but only 8 percent of young men experienced detachment.

**Differences by Race and Hispanic Origin.** Black and Hispanic youth are more likely than white youth to be detached from school and employment. In 1996, 14 percent of black youth and 16 percent of Hispanic youth experienced detachment. The corresponding rate for white youth was 8 percent.

Table ES 3.6

Percentage of 16- through 19-year-olds in the United States who are neither enrolled in school nor working,<sup>a</sup> by gender and by race and Hispanic origin:<sup>b</sup> selected years, 1985-1996

	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
<b>All youth</b>	11	10	10	10	9	10	9	9
<b>Gender</b>								
Male	9	8	9	8	8	8	8	8
Female	13	12	13	12	11	11	11	11
<b>Race and Hispanic origin</b>								
White	10	9	9	9	8	9	8	8
Black	18	15	17	17	15	14	15	14
Hispanic	17	17	16	16	16	17	16	16

<sup>a</sup>The figures represent a yearly average based on responses for the nine months youth typically are in school (September through May). Youth are asked about their activities for the week prior to the survey.

<sup>b</sup>Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Estimates for whites and blacks include persons of Hispanic origin.

Source: Special tabulations of the Current Population Survey prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>36</sup>Brown, B. 1996. “Who Are America’s Disconnected Youth?” Report prepared for the American Enterprise Institute.

