

Table FM-3. Average Number of Own Children Under 18 Per Family, By Type of Family: 1955 to Present

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Year	All Families				Families With own Children Under 18			
	Total	Married Couple	Male, no wife present	Female, no husband present	Total	Married Couple	Male, no wife present	Female, no husband present
2003	0.87	0.86	0.62	1.03	1.83	1.89	1.50	1.72
2002	0.88	0.86	0.64	1.05	1.83	1.89	1.49	1.72
2001	0.88	0.86	0.64	1.02	1.83	1.88	1.49	1.74
2000	0.90	0.88	0.66	1.05	1.87	1.94	1.50	1.75
1999	0.90	0.88	0.66	1.09	1.86	1.91	1.54	1.78
1998	0.91	0.88	0.70	1.08	1.85	1.90	1.52	1.78
1997	0.91	0.89	0.69	1.08	1.84	1.89	1.55	1.75
1996	0.92	0.89	0.69	1.11	1.86	1.90	1.49	1.81
1995	0.91	0.89	0.66	1.10	1.84	1.89	1.49	1.76
1994	0.91	0.89	0.67	1.08	1.84	1.88	1.49	1.75
1993	0.90	0.87	0.65	1.07	1.84	1.88	1.48	1.76
1992	0.90	0.88	0.64	1.08	1.85	1.88	1.51	1.79
1991	0.90	0.88	0.61	1.05	1.84	1.88	1.50	1.74
1990	0.89	0.88	0.60	1.04	1.83	1.87	1.50	1.72
1989	0.90	0.88	0.58	1.04	1.82	1.86	1.55	1.74
1988	0.89	0.88	0.58	1.03	1.81	1.84	1.51	1.74
1987	0.90	0.88	0.58	1.05	1.81	1.84	1.51	1.74
1986	0.91	0.90	0.57	1.06	1.83	1.86	1.46	1.78
1985	0.92	0.90	0.62	1.06	1.85	1.88	1.53	1.79
1984	0.93	0.92	0.59	1.05	1.85	1.89	1.50	1.76
1983	0.94	0.92	0.53	1.09	1.87	1.89	1.46	1.81
1982	0.95	0.93	0.52	1.13	1.87	1.89	1.53	1.80
1981	0.97	0.96	0.55	1.11	1.88	1.91	1.59	1.79
1980r	1.00	0.98	0.55	1.17	1.91	1.93	1.55	1.87
1979	1.01	1.00	0.56	1.16	1.93	1.95	1.63	1.86
1978	1.04	1.03	0.55	1.22	1.96	1.98	1.63	1.93
1977	1.07	1.06	0.54	1.23	2.01	2.02	1.66	1.99
1976	1.10	1.09	0.49	1.26	2.04	2.05	1.59	2.03
1975	1.13	1.12	0.60	1.27	2.09	2.09	1.85	2.10
1974	1.15	1.16	0.52	1.27	2.14	2.14	1.90	2.12
1973	1.18	1.19	0.50	1.26	2.17	2.18	1.87	2.20
1972	1.22	1.24	0.52	1.28	2.22	2.22	1.93	2.20
1971	1.28	1.30	0.53	1.32	2.31	2.31	2.00	2.33
1970r	1.27	1.30	0.54	1.20	2.28	2.29	1.93	2.29
1965	1.38	1.43	0.45	1.20	2.44	2.44	2.13	2.42
1960	1.33	1.39	0.35	1.04	2.33	2.34	1.88	2.24
1955	1.21	1.27	0.39	0.96	2.19	2.20	1.98	2.17

r Revised based on population from the decennial census for that year.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Social and Economic Supplement: 2003 Current Population Survey, Current Population Reports, Series P20-553, "America's Families and Living Arrangements: 2003" and earlier reports.

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