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Introduction
The benefits of intact marriage are clear, for individual adults, children, and families; ${ }^{1}$ and cumulatively, the consequences of family brokenness are dire for the nation. Unfortunately, a relatively small proportion of men and women of childbearing years are married, ${ }^{2}$ and a relatively large fraction of minor children live in unmarried families. Furthermore, a relatively large proportion of the adult population of childbearing years has no children. This dearth is a loss on many levels, including for the economy, given that the fraction of minor children in an area is strongly associated with adult male employment. ${ }^{3}$

This report is the first in the State of the Family series, which will illustrate outcomes that are important in the public discourse, such as welfare receipt, poverty, and healthcare, all viewed through the filters of different family background factors, such as family structure, race and ethnicity, and education attainment.

Some reports will illustrate these demographics for the United States as a nation, while others will also illustrate some of these demographics for all 50 individual states.

In this report, The State of the Family: Marital Status and Childbearing across Race, Ethnicity, and Education, marital status and childbearing demographics are illustrated separately and jointly, and then through the filters of race and ethnicity and educational attainment.

One quarter of adult men and nearly 30 percent of adult women aged 19 to 44 (of childbearing age) are married with children. Just over 40 percent of adult men and nearly 30 percent of adult women aged 19 to 44 are never-married with no children.

Around one third of men and around half of women aged 19 to 44 have children. Over half of minor children live in a married-parent family.

[^0]Having one or more children is slightly more common (around one third of men) among Asian, Hispanic, and White men aged 19 to 44 (of childbearing age) than among Native American and Black men, and men of other ethnicities (around one fourth of men). Among women aged 19 to 44, having one or more children is most common among Hispanic women.

Being married at first birth is more common than being unmarried among Asian and White women aged 19 to 44 (of childbearing age); by contrast, being unmarried at first birth is more common than being married among Black and Native American women. Until age 41 to 44 , increasing percentages of women have a child in their household with increasing age. The fraction of women giving birth within wedlock overtakes the fraction of women giving birth out of wedlock in the category of women aged 31 to 35 .

Among women aged 25 to 35 , childlessness is more common among women with college degrees and postgraduate degrees than among women who did not complete high school and women with a high school diploma. At the birth of their first child, more female high school dropouts and female high school graduates are unmarried than married. By contrast, more female college graduates and females with postgraduate degrees are married than unmarried at their first birth.

In both the foregoing summary and the charts that follow, one is simply given descriptions of the U.S. population. No inference can be made about influences of the categories broken out (e.g., educational attainment) on the outcomes studied (e.g., marital status at childbirth).

Last, note, the American Community Survey has little retrospective information on marriage. This applies in particular to remarried mothers. One cannot determine whether presently remarried women were single, married, remarried, or cohabiting at the time of their first birth. This lack of information affects the accuracy of the charts on marital status at first birth.

Accuracy is similarly affected when children leave home while they are still minors. Moreover, if a mother was in her teens or early twenties at her child's birth, the child may cease to be a minor while her mother is nonetheless in the age window (19-44 years of age) graphed in pie charts that follow. This case, also, of the child achieving adult status will often coincide with the child leaving home. Either of these occurrences diminishes the number of minor children reported in the home in the charts that enumerate them.

We hope that this breaking-out of marriage and childbearing patterns across racial/ethnic and educational categories is useful to those interested in family structure in the United States.

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# Men and Women, by Marital Status and Presence or Absence of Children 

# Men, by Current Family Structure 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by marital status and presence of children

- $11 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are married with no children.
- $25 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are married with children.
- $2 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are remarried with no children.
- $4 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are remarried with children.
- $6 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are divorced with no children.
- $2 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are divorced with children.
- $6 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are cohabiting and have no children.
- $1 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are cohabiting and have children.
- $42 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are never-married and have no children.
- $1 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are never-married and have children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are widowed and have no children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are widowed and have children.


Population: Women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by marital status and presence of children

- $10 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are married with no children.
- $29 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are married with children.
- $2 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are remarried with no children.
- $5 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are remarried with children.
- $5 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are divorced with no children.
- $7 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are divorced with children.
- $5 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are cohabiting and have no children.
- $2 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are cohabiting and have children.
- $28 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are never-married and have no children.
- $7 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are never-married and have children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are widowed and have no children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are widowed and have children.


## Men, by Marital Status



Population: Men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by marital status

- $36 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are married.
- $6 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are remarried.
- $8 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are divorced.
- $7 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are cohabiting.
- $43 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are never-married.
- Less than $1 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 are widowed.


Population: Women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by marital status

- $39 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are married.
- $7 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are remarried.
- $11 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are divorced.
- $7 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are cohabiting.
- $35 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are never-married.
- $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 are widowed.


# Men with Children, by Marital Status 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Men aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child
Measured: Breakdown by marital status

- $77 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are married.
- $12 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are remarried.
- $5 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are divorced.
- $3 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are cohabiting.
- $3 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are nevermarried.
- Less than $1 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are widowed.


# Women with Children, by Marital Status 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Women aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child
Measured: Breakdown by marital status

- $58 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are married.
- $11 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are remarried.
- $14 \%$ women surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are divorced.
- $3 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are cohabiting.
- $13 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are never-married.
- $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 with at least one minor child are widowed.


## Children, by Family Structure

## Children, by Family Structure



Population: Minor children
Measured: Breakdown by family structure

- $56 \%$ of minor children in the survey live in a married-parent family.
- $12 \%$ of minor children in the survey live in a remarried family.
- $12 \%$ of minor children in the survey live in a divorced-parent family (female parent).
- $3 \%$ of minor children in the survey live in a divorced-parent family (male parent).
- $5 \%$ of minor children in the survey live in a cohabiting family.
- $11 \%$ of minor children in the survey live in a never-married parent family.
- $1 \%$ of minor children in the survey live in a widowed-parent family.


# Children, by Non-Intact Family Structure 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Minor children in non-intact families
Measured: Breakdown by family structure

- $28 \%$ of minor children in non-intact families in the survey live in a remarried family.
- $27 \%$ minor children in non-intact families in the survey live in a divorcedparent family (female parent).
- $8 \%$ of minor children in non-intact families in the survey live in a divorced-parent family (male parent).
- $10 \%$ of minor children in non-intact families in the survey live in a cohabiting family.
- $25 \%$ of minor children in non-intact families in the survey live in a nevermarried parent family.
- $2 \%$ of minor children in non-intact families in the survey live in a widowed-parent family.


# Men and Women, by Number of Children 

## Men, by Number of Children

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $67 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $12 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $14 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $5 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $2 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


## Women, by Number of Children

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $51 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $19 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $19 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $8 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $2 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Men and Women, by Marital Status and Number of Children 

## Married Men, by Number of Children

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Married men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $30 \%$ of married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $23 \%$ of married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $30 \%$ of married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $12 \%$ of married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $4 \%$ of married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Married Women, by Number of Children 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Married women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $26 \%$ of married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $24 \%$ of married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $32 \%$ of married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $13 \%$ of married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $4 \%$ of married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Remarried Men, by Number of Children 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Remarried men aged 19-44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $35 \%$ of remarried men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $26 \%$ of remarried men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $25 \%$ of remarried men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $10 \%$ of remarried men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children
- $3 \%$ of remarried men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of remarried men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of remarried men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Remarried Women, by Number of Children 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Remarried women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $29 \%$ of remarried women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $27 \%$ of remarried women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $27 \%$ of remarried women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $12 \%$ of remarried women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $4 \%$ of remarried women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of remarried women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of remarried women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Divorced Men, by Number of Children 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Divorced men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $79 \%$ of divorced men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $12 \%$ of divorced men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $6 \%$ of divorced men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $2 \%$ of divorced men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $1 \%$ of divorced men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of divorced men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of divorced men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Divorced Women, by Number of Children 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Divorced women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $40 \%$ of divorced women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $26 \%$ of divorced women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $22 \%$ of divorced women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $9 \%$ of divorced women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $2 \%$ of divorced women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of divorced women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of divorced women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Cohabiting Men, by Number of Children 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Cohabiting men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $84 \%$ of cohabiting men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $9 \%$ of cohabiting men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $5 \%$ of cohabiting men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $2 \%$ of cohabiting men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of cohabiting men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of cohabiting men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of cohabiting men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


## Cohabiting Women, by Number of Children

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Cohabiting women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $77 \%$ of cohabiting women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $12 \%$ of cohabiting women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $7 \%$ of cohabiting women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $3 \%$ of cohabiting women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $1 \%$ of cohabiting women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of cohabiting women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of cohabiting women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Never-Married Men, by Number of Children 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Never-married men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $98 \%$ of never-married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $2 \%$ of never-married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- Less than $1 \%$ of never-married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of never-married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of never-married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of never-married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of never-married men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.

Never-Married Women, by Number of Children
ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Never-married women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $81 \%$ of never-married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $10 \%$ of never-married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $6 \%$ of never-married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $2 \%$ of never-married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $1 \%$ of never-married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of never-married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of never-married women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


Population: Widowed men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $69 \%$ of widowed men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $15 \%$ of widowed men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $10 \%$ of widowed men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $4 \%$ of widowed men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $1 \%$ of widowed men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of widowed men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of widowed men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Widowed Women, by Number of Children 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Widowed women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $43 \%$ of widowed women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $26 \%$ of widowed women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $20 \%$ of widowed women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $8 \%$ of widowed women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $2 \%$ of widowed women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of widowed women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of widowed women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Men and Women, by Educational Attainment and Number of Children 

# Male High School Dropouts, by Number of Children 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Men aged 25 to 35 who dropped out of high school
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $65 \%$ of male high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have no children.
- $13 \%$ of male high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have one child.
- $14 \%$ of male high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have two children.
- $6 \%$ of male high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have three children.
- $2 \%$ of male high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of male high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of male high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have six or more children.


## Female High School Dropouts, by Number of Children



Population: Women aged 25 to 35 who dropped out of high school
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $35 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have no children.
- $18 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have one child.
- $24 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have two children.
- $15 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have three children.
- $5 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have four children.
- $2 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have five children.
- $1 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have six or more children.


# Male High School Graduates, by Number of Children 



Population: Men aged 25 to 35 who graduated from high school
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $64 \%$ of male high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have no children.
- $15 \%$ of male high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have one child.
- $14 \%$ of male high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have two children.
- $5 \%$ of male high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have three children.
- $2 \%$ of male high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of male high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35, have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of male high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have six or more children.


## Female High School Graduates, by Number of Children



Population: Women aged 25 to 35 who graduated from high school
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $39 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have no children.
- $22 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have one child.
- $24 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have two children.
- $11 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have three children.
- $3 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have four children.
- $1 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35, have six or more children.


## Male College Graduates, by Number of Children



Population: Men aged 25 to 35 who graduated from college
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $70 \%$ of male college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have no children.
- $14 \%$ of male college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have one child.
- $12 \%$ of male college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have two children.
- $3 \%$ of male college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have three children.
- $1 \%$ of male college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of male college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of male college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have six or more children.


## Female College Graduates, by Number of Children



Population: Women aged 25 to 35 who graduated from college
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $57 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have no children.
- $20 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have one child.
- $17 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have two children.
- $5 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have three children.
- $1 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35, have six or more children.


## Males with Postgraduate Degrees, by Number of Children



Population: Men aged 25 to 35 who have postgraduate degrees
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $65 \%$ of males with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have no children.
- $17 \%$ of males with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have one child.
- $13 \%$ of males with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have two children.
- $4 \%$ of males with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have three children.
- $1 \%$ of males with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of males with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of males with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35, have six or more children.


## Females with Postgraduate Degrees, by Number of Children



Population: Women aged 25 to 35 with postgraduate degrees
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $60 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have no children.
- $20 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have one child.
- $15 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have two children.
- $4 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have three children.
- $1 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , have six or more children.


# Men and Women, by Race/Ethnicity and Number of Children 

## Asian Men, by Number of Children



Population: Asian men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $65 \%$ of Asian men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $14 \%$ of Asian men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $16 \%$ of Asian men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $4 \%$ of Asian men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $1 \%$ of Asian men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of Asian men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of Asian men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


Population: Asian women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $54 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $19 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $20 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $6 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $1 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


## Black Men, by Number of Children



Population: Black men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $77 \%$ of Black men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $10 \%$ of Black men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $8 \%$ of Black men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $4 \%$ of Black men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $1 \%$ of Black men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of Black men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of Black men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


## Black Women, by Number of Children



Population: Black women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $51 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $21 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $16 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $8 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $3 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


## Hispanic Men, by Number of Children



Population: Hispanic men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $65 \%$ of Hispanic men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $12 \%$ of Hispanic men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $13 \%$ of Hispanic men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $7 \%$ of Hispanic men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $2 \%$ of Hispanic men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of Hispanic men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of Hispanic men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


## Hispanic Women, by Number of Children



Population: Hispanic women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $45 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $18 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $21 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $11 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $4 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


Population: Native American men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $72 \%$ of Native American men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $11 \%$ of Native American men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $10 \%$ of Native American men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $4 \%$ of Native American men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $2 \%$ of Native American men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of Native American men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of Native American men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


## Native American Women, by Number of Children

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Native American women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $53 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $18 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $16 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $8 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $3 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- $1 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


## Men of Other Ethnicities, by Number of Children



Population: Men of other ethnicities aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $73 \%$ of men of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $11 \%$ of men of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $11 \%$ of men of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $4 \%$ of men of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $1 \%$ of men of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of men of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of men of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


# Women of Other Ethnicities, by Number of Children 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI



Population: Women of other ethnicities aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $57 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $18 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $16 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $6 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $2 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- $1 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


## White Men, by Number of Children



Population: White men aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $65 \%$ of White men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $13 \%$ of White men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $15 \%$ of White men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $5 \%$ of White men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $2 \%$ of White men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of White men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of White men surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


Population: White women aged 19 to 44
Measured: Breakdown by number of children

- $52 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have no children.
- $19 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have one child.
- $20 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have two children.
- $7 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have three children.
- $2 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have four children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have five children.
- Less than $1 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 have six or more children.


## Women, by Age Group and Marital Status at First Birth (If Any)

## Women Aged 15 to 18, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any)

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI
Out of Wedlock


Population: Women aged 15 to 18
Measured: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- Less than $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 15 to 18 were married at their first birth.
- $2 \%$ of women surveyed aged 15 to 18 were not married at their first birth.
- Less than $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 15 to 18 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $98 \%$ of women surveyed aged 15 to 18 had no child in the house.


# Women Aged 19 to 22, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI
Remarried
Out of Wedlock


Population: Women aged 19 to 22
Measured: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $3 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 22 were married at their first birth.
- $9 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 22 were not married at their first birth.
- Less than $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 22 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $88 \%$ of women surveyed aged 19 to 22 had no child in the house.


# Women Aged 23 to 25, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Women aged 23 to 25
Measured: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $10 \%$ of women surveyed aged 23 to 25 were married at their first birth.
- $18 \%$ of women surveyed aged 23 to 25 were not married at their first birth.
- Less than $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 23 to 25 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $72 \%$ of women surveyed aged 23 to 25 had no child in the house.


# Women Aged 26 to 30, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI
Remarried
Unknown


Population: Women aged 26 to 30
Measured: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $20 \%$ of women surveyed aged 26 to 30 were married at their first birth.
- $25 \%$ of women surveyed aged 26 to 30 were not married at their first birth.
- $2 \%$ of women surveyed aged 26 to 30 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $53 \%$ of women surveyed aged 26 to 30 had no child in the house.


## Women Aged 31 to 35, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any)

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI
Remarried


Population: Women aged 31 to 35
Measured: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $33 \%$ of women surveyed aged 31 to 35 were married at their first birth.
- $28 \%$ of women surveyed aged 31 to 35 were not married at their first birth.
- $4 \%$ of women surveyed aged 31 to 35 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $35 \%$ of women surveyed aged 31 to 35 had no child in the house.


# Women Aged 36 to 40, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI
Remarried
Unknown


Population: Women aged 36 to 40
Measured: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $38 \%$ of women surveyed aged 36 to 40 were married at their first birth.
- $25 \%$ of women surveyed aged 36 to 40 were not married at their first birth.
- $6 \%$ of women surveyed aged 36 to 40 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $31 \%$ of women surveyed aged 36 to 40 had no child in the house.


Population: Women aged 41 to 45
Measured: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $34 \%$ of women surveyed aged 41 to 45 were married at their first birth.
- $17 \%$ of women surveyed aged 41 to 45 were not married at their first birth.
- $5 \%$ of women surveyed aged 41 to 45 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $44 \%$ of women surveyed aged 41 to 45 had no child in the house.


## Mothers Aged 13 to 17, by Marital Status at First

 Birth

Population: Women aged 13 to 17 who have had a child
Measured: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $11 \%$ of women surveyed aged 13 to 17 who had given birth were married at their first birth.
- $89 \%$ of women surveyed aged 13 to 17 who had given birth were not married at their first birth.
- Less than $1 \%$ of women surveyed aged 13 to 17 who had given birth were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.


# Women, by <br> Race/Ethnicity and Marital Status at <br> First Birth (If Any) 

## Asian Women, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) <br> ACS, 2007-11; MARRI



Population: Asian women aged 19 to 44
Measurement: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $36 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were married at their first birth.
- $8 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were not married at their first birth.
- $1 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $55 \%$ of Asian women surveyed aged 19 to 44 had no child in the house.


## Black Women, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) <br> ACS, 2007-11; MARRI

Remarried


Population: Black women aged 19 to 44
Measurement: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $9 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were married at their first birth.
- $38 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were not married at their first birth.
- $2 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $51 \%$ of Black women surveyed aged 19 to 44 had no child in the house.


## Hispanic Women, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) <br> ACS, 2007-11; MARRI



Population: Hispanic women aged 19 to 44
Measurement: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $24 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were married at their first birth.
- $27 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were not married at their first birth.
- $3 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $46 \%$ of Hispanic women surveyed aged 19 to 44 had no child in the house.


# Native American Women, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Native American women aged 19 to 44
Measurement: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $13 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were married at their first birth.
- $30 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were not married at their first birth.
- $3 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $54 \%$ of Native American women surveyed aged 19 to 44 had no child in the house.


# Women of Other Ethnicities, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: All women of other ethnicities aged 19 to 44
Measurement: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $17 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 were married at their first birth.
- $22 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 were not married at their first birth.
- $3 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $58 \%$ of women of other ethnicities surveyed aged 19 to 44 had no child in house.


# White Women, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) <br> ACS, 2007-11; MARRI 



Population: White women aged 19 to 44
Measurement: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $27 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were married at their first birth.
- $16 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were not married at their first birth.
- $4 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $53 \%$ of White women surveyed aged 19 to 44 had no child in the house.


## Women, by Educational

 Attainment andMarital Status at First Birth (If Any)

# Female High School Dropouts, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Female high school dropouts aged 25 to 35
Measurement: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $22 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were married at their first birth.
- $38 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were not married at their first birth.
- $4 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $36 \%$ of female high school dropouts surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , had no child in the house.


# Female High School Graduates, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Female high school graduates aged 25 to 35
Measurement: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $25 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were married at their first birth.
- $32 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were not married at their first birth.
- $4 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $39 \%$ of female high school graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , had no child in the house.


# Female College Graduates, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) 

ACS, 2007-11; MARRI


Population: Female college graduates aged 25 to 35
Measurement: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $31 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were married at their first birth.
- $10 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , are not married at their first birth.
- $2 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $57 \%$ of female college graduates surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , had no child in the house.


# Females with Postgraduate Degrees, by Marital Status at First Birth (If Any) <br> ACS, 2007-11; MARRI 



Population: Females with postgraduate degrees aged 25 to 35
Measurement: Breakdown by marital status at first birth (if any)

- $32 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were married at their first birth.
- $6 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were not married at their first birth.
- $1 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , were of unknown marital status at their first birth, because they are remarried.
- $61 \%$ of females with postgraduate degrees surveyed, aged 25 to 35 , had no child in the house.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Henry Potrykus and Patrick Fagan, "Non-Marriage Reduces U.S. Labor Participation: The Abandonment of Marriage Puts America at Risk of a Depression," Marriage and Religion Research Institute, August 27, 2012, marri.us/labor-slump;
    Henry Potrykus and Patrick Fagan, "U.S. Social Policy Dependence on the Family: Derived from the Index of Belonging," Marriage and Religion Research Institute, January 2013, marri.us/policy-2013.
    ${ }^{2}$ Being in the marital state at the time of the survey is not equal to a person's family always being intact. Complex life course changes may not be adequately reflected in the simple categories of being either "always single," "married," "divorced," or "remarried." For instance, a mother could have never been married, then given birth to a child, and then, after many years, have married (once).
    ${ }^{3}$ Henry Potrykus and Patrick Fagan, "U.S. Social Policy Dependence on the Family: Derived from the Index of Belonging," Marriage and Religion Research Institute, January 2013, marri.us/policy-2013.

