

Table 2. Percentage Distribution of Living Arrangements of Children by Race and Age: United States, 1880-1980

Year/Age Group	Black Children							White Children						
	With Single Parent or No Parent						Number of Children	With Single Parent or No Parent						Number of Children
	Both Parents	Mother Only	Father Only	No Parent	Total w/o Both Parents	Total		Both Parents	Mother Only	Father Only	No Parent	Total w/o Both Parents	Total	
Children Ages 0–14 ^a														
1880	70.1	13.1	4.5	12.3	29.9	100.0	28,362	87.3	5.9	2.9	3.9	12.7	100.0	155,559
1910	72.5	13.1	4.0	10.4	27.5	100.0	14,491	89.7	5.1	2.5	2.7	10.3	100.0	99,744
1940	72.7	13.6	3.6	10.1	27.3	100.0	8,846	89.9	5.6	2.1	2.4	10.1	100.0	60,464
1960	67.7	18.2	2.8	11.3	32.3	100.0	7,218	91.4	5.9	1.1	1.6	8.6	100.0	48,521
1980	47.1	37.3	4.0	11.7	52.9	100.0	8,038	84.1	11.7	1.8	2.4	15.9	100.0	40,840
1880, by Age Group														
0 to 4	75.8	12.2	2.7	9.3	24.2	100.0	10,563	92.8	3.4	1.4	2.3	7.2	100.0	56,417
5 to 9	71.2	13.4	4.5	10.9	28.8	100.0	9,816	88.2	5.6	2.9	3.4	11.8	100.0	52,446
10 to 14	62.9	13.8	6.5	16.9	37.1	100.0	7,983	80.4	8.7	4.6	6.3	19.6	100.0	46,696
1910, by Age Group														
0 to 4	79.8	11.0	2.0	7.2	20.2	100.0	5,018	94.7	2.9	1.1	1.4	5.3	100.0	35,896
5 to 9	71.6	13.5	4.2	10.7	28.4	100.0	5,056	90.0	4.9	2.5	2.5	10.0	100.0	33,086
10 to 14	65.6	14.9	5.9	13.6	34.4	100.0	4,417	83.9	7.8	4.1	4.3	16.1	100.0	30,762
1940, by Age Group														
0 to 4	79.6	9.8	2.3	8.3	20.4	100.0	2,475	93.8	3.6	1.0	1.6	6.2	100.0	17,791
5 to 9	71.8	14.0	3.6	10.7	28.2	100.0	2,616	90.0	5.5	2.1	2.3	10.0	100.0	18,063
10 to 14	64.0	18.8	5.0	12.1	36.0	100.0	2,651	84.9	8.4	3.3	3.4	15.1	100.0	20,475
1960, by Age Group														
0 to 4	71.3	16.3	1.8	10.6	28.7	100.0	2,796	92.8	5.0	.7	1.5	7.2	100.0	17,765
5 to 9	67.5	18.2	3.1	11.2	32.5	100.0	2,445	91.7	5.7	1.1	1.5	8.3	100.0	16,154
10 to 14	64.2	20.2	3.5	12.1	35.8	100.0	1,977	89.5	7.0	1.7	1.9	10.5	100.0	14,602
1980, by Age Group														
0 to 4	46.3	33.2	4.1	16.5	43.7	100.0	2,542	86.5	9.1	1.7	2.7	13.5	100.0	12,844
5 to 9	48.2	38.4	4.1	9.3	41.8	100.0	2,647	84.3	11.9	1.5	2.2	15.7	100.0	13,284
10 to 14	46.8	40.2	3.7	9.3	43.2	100.0	2,849	81.2	14.1	2.3	2.4	18.8	100.0	14,712

^a Standardized by single years of age to control for changing age structure of children (standard population was all children ages 0 to 14, 1850 to 1980).

Note: Excludes children in group quarters under the 1970 Census definition.