

1997 Snapshots of America's Families

Summary of State Findings Compared to US Findings, for All Families and Low-income Families

States				
Alabama	Florida	Mississippi	New York	Wisconsin
California	Massachusetts	Minnesota	Texas	
Colorado	Michigan	New Jersey	Washington	

ALABAMA

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Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	AL	US	AL	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		39.2	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	78.3	79.8	64.7	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	17.9	16.0	31.3	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	33.0	31.8	53.4	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	13.5	11.9	23.3	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	17.9	16.9	35.6	36.6
Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	8.7	8.3	14.1	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	18.4	17.6	27.2	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	9.1	6.0	14.2	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	16.4	12.1	29.0	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	5.3	4.6	8.2	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	53.8	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	20.6	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	36.9	41.0	27.9	34.4

Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	17.7	16.8	20.6	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	79.4	83.2	68.4	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	7.6	6.5	12.9	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	9.5	8.8	12.8	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	42.5	37.8	32.4	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	69.6	58.8	63.8	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	11.4	9.0	16.3	13.7
Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	19.3	16.6	29.0	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	80.4	78.1	77.2	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	78.3	77.6	79.0	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	45.1	49.4	44.4	53.3

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CALIFORNIA

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Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	CA	US	CA	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		39.4	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	75.3	79.8	61.4	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	15.6	16.0	24.8	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	36.9	31.8	58.9	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	13.7	11.9	22.7	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	21.2	16.9	43.1	36.6

Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	11.5	8.3	18.5	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	21.7	17.6	33.7	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	9.1	6.0	14.4	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	14.8	12.1	27.5	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	7.4	4.6	12.2	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	63.1	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	21.1	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	38.4	41.0	32.1	34.4
Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	22.7	16.8	30.9	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	82.3	83.2	71.9	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	5.7	6.5	8.2	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	7.8	8.8	10.5	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	37.4	37.8	28.5	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	55.3	58.8	53.9	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	10.1	9.0	13.0	13.7
Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	18.6	16.6	27.5	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	75.3	78.1	73.1	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	71.3	77.6	64.4	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	58.9	49.4	65.6	53.3

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COLORADO

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Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	CO	US	CO	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		28.4	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	81.9	79.8	69.5	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	13.0	16.0	24.1	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	30.2	31.8	55.3	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	13.5	11.9	29.1	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	16.1	16.9	37.9	36.6
Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	8.3	8.3	15.5	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	16.1	17.6	25.8	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	5.6	6.0	10.3	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	9.1	12.1	18.2	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	4.1	4.6	9.1	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	66.4	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	13.8	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	35.2	41.0	33.4	34.4
Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	13.2	16.8	20.7	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	83.6	83.2	70.3	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	6.0	6.5	7.2	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	6.9	8.8	9.6	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	41.1	37.8	33.8	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	53.5	58.8	51.9	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	6.3	9.0	8.7	13.7
Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	13.2	16.6	21.1	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	77.1	78.1	73.8	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	75.7	77.6	73.5	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	51.6	49.4	60.4	53.3

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FLORIDA

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Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	FL	US	FL	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		38.2	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	80.6	79.8	67.8	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	17.4	16.0	29.0	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	35.7	31.8	55.2	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	17.0	11.9	27.0	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	21.1	16.9	39.5	36.6
Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	11.3	8.3	15.0	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	21.7	17.6	29.1	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	8.3	6.0	13.4	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	12.5	12.1	23.2	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	4.5	4.6	6.8	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	54.6	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	21.4	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	37.9	41.0	32.1	34.4
Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	16.2	16.8	25.4	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	80.1	83.2	71.4	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	7.9	6.5	8.4	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	9.0	8.8	9.5	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	37.3	37.8	30.6	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	56.4	58.8	51.9	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	11.9	9.0	17.2	13.7

Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	18.8	16.6	27.4	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	80.7	78.1	76.8	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	77.9	77.6	76.4	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	49.0	49.4	52.8	53.3

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MASSACHUSETTS

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Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	MA	US	MA	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		22.5	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	81.4	79.8	58.7	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	15.8	16.0	38.6	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	27.2	31.8	55.0	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	5.4	11.9	12.8	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	11.4	16.9	30.2	36.6
Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	5.1	8.3	9.6	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	13.7	17.6	23.3	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	2.5	6.0	3.9	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	8.2	12.1	21.0	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	2.8	4.6	6.8	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	68.2	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	16.4	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	40.1	41.0	32.2	34.4

Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	12.6	16.8	23.3	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	87.3	83.2	73.6	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	8.3	6.5	12.5	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	7.1	8.8	10.9	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	36.8	37.8	29.4	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	52.1	58.8	50.2	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	10.3	9.0	20.8	13.7
Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	16.8	16.6	31.9	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	72.4	78.1	74.7	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	81.2	77.6	80.3	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	45.5	49.4	55.0	53.3

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MICHIGAN

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Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	MI	US	MI	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		26.8	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	82.6	79.8	70.4	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	14.9	16.0	30.3	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	26.6	31.8	51.9	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	5.5	11.9	12.2	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	11.2	16.9	28.4	36.6

Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	6.0	8.3	10.5	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	14.3	17.6	21.3	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	4.4	6.0	6.8	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	10.0	12.1	21.5	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	3.4	4.6	7.0	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	64.2	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	18.5	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	37.8	41.0	34.0	34.4
Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	14.7	16.8	24.9	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	82.7	83.2	72.7	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	7.0	6.5	11.4	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	7.7	8.8	13.0	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	38.7	37.8	31.6	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	55.1	58.8	48.0	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	9.5	9.0	15.7	13.7
Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	13.2	16.6	24.2	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	73.7	78.1	66.7	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	79.7	77.6	79.3	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	45.4	49.4	45.8	53.3

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MINNESOTA

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Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	MN	US	MN	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		24.2	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	86.4	79.8	70.8	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	13.1	16.0	28.2	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	24.4	31.8	50.1	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	5.5	11.9	12.6	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	9.1	16.9	21.0	36.6
Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	3.7	8.3	6.8	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	10.3	17.6	16.9	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	2.2	6.0	3.2	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	7.8	12.1	15.3	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	2.9	4.6	4.9	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	72.3	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	12.8	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	39.6	41.0	34.6	34.4
Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	13.1	16.8	17.5	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	86.1	83.2	74.7	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	6.8	6.5	10.2	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	9.2	8.8	12.6	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	41.1	37.8	29.5	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	64.0	58.8	52.1	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	6.6	9.0	11.8	13.7
Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	13.8	16.6	23.5	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	77.4	78.1	75.8	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	80.9	77.6	75.1	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	43.7	49.4	50.8	53.3

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MISSISSIPPI

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Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	MS	US	MS	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		46.4	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	79.2	79.8	65.4	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	16.9	16.0	27.4	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	38.2	31.8	57.0	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	18.6	11.9	28.1	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	20.2	16.9	36.8	36.6
Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	8.6	8.3	11.5	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	18.4	17.6	23.0	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	8.1	6.0	11.2	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	17.7	12.1	29.7	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	5.9	4.6	8.7	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	47.7	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	29.2	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	34.8	41.0	29.7	34.4
Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	23.8	16.8	29.6	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	78.2	83.2	71.7	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	8.9	6.5	11.5	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	11.7	8.8	17.7	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	39.0	37.8	35.5	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	71.4	58.8	68.0	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	13.7	9.0	20.2	13.7

Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	24.5	16.6	34.4	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	79.9	78.1	74.5	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	76.4	77.6	75.8	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	44.0	49.4	41.9	53.3

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NEW JERSEY

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Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	NJ	US	NJ	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		22.1	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	79.7	79.8	61.8	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	14.3	16.0	33.2	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	25.7	31.8	55.2	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	8.6	11.9	18.9	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	12.8	16.9	33.4	36.6
Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	7.3	8.3	14.7	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	16.8	17.6	27.7	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	5.0	6.0	9.9	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	10.2	12.1	24.0	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	3.7	4.6	7.1	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	70.1	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	16.1	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	43.3	41.0	34.2	34.4

Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	14.2	16.8	28.7	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	87.0	83.2	74.3	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	6.5	6.5	9.1	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	6.2	8.8	11.4	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	36.4	37.8	27.1	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	55.7	58.8	48.4	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	11.2	9.0	20.4	13.7
Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	17.9	16.6	31.4	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	74.6	78.1	71.0	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	79.4	77.6	70.0	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	49.0	49.4	55.6	53.3

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NEW YORK

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Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	NY	US	NY	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		33.5	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	76.3	79.8	56.8	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	19.2	16.0	30.9	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	35.2	31.8	57.5	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	10.0	11.9	16.8	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	15.8	16.9	34.7	36.6

Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	9.2	8.3	14.6	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	17.0	17.6	24.5	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	4.8	6.0	7.1	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	13.1	12.1	23.4	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	4.6	4.6	7.7	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	60.3	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	20.8	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	41.0	41.0	36.0	34.4
Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	15.1	16.8	17.8	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	82.5	83.2	69.8	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	8.5	6.5	12.7	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	7.0	8.8	10.3	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	32.4	37.8	27.5	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	55.2	58.8	52.7	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	11.1	9.0	17.4	13.7
Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	18.3	16.6	27.5	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	73.6	78.1	68.3	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	77.9	77.6	71.4	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	48.4	49.4	55.8	53.3

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TEXAS

This chart presents a summary of findings from the January 1999 report, *Snapshots of America's Families*. These data are from the National Survey of America's Families, a 1997 survey of 44,461 households with and without telephones. The sample is representative of the nation as a whole and of 13 states: Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. In Texas, 2,452 households were surveyed.

Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	TX	US	TX	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		39.7	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	77.5	79.8	64.5	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	19.7	16.0	32.7	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	37.6	31.8	60.5	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	21.2	11.9	32.0	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	26.7	16.9	50.0	36.6
Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	10.9	8.3	16.9	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	23.0	17.6	34.8	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	11.3	6.0	18.2	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	14.9	12.1	27.0	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	7.6	4.6	12.1	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	59.0	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	16.9	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	40.8	41.0	38.5	34.4
Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	24.3	16.8	33.0	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	79.2	83.2	68.7	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	9.1	6.5	12.5	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	8.8	8.8	12.5	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	32.5	37.8	26.5	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	63.0	58.8	61.0	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	11.0	9.0	15.1	13.7
Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	18.7	16.6	27.0	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	80.1	78.1	77.0	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	74.6	77.6	71.3	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	49.8	49.4	55.0	53.3

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WASHINGTON

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Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	WA	US	WA	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		29.9	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	79.0	79.8	62.1	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	16.3	16.0	28.5	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	30.6	31.8	54.1	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	7.0	11.9	12.1	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	14.1	16.9	30.5	36.6
Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	6.6	8.3	11.5	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	13.6	17.6	20.8	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	3.8	6.0	6.1	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	10.2	12.1	18.2	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	3.7	4.6	6.8	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	67.9	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	12.8	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	41.1	41.0	31.5	34.4
Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	13.8	16.8	16.3	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	85.7	83.2	75.3	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	5.6	6.5	7.3	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	6.8	8.8	10.3	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	44.3	37.8	35.1	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	48.5	58.8	45.5	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	7.4	9.0	9.1	13.7

Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	13.7	16.6	19.7	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	73.9	78.1	69.7	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	75.3	77.6	68.9	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	55.1	49.4	61.0	53.3

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WISCONSIN

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Findings are presented for all adults and children, and separately for those living in low-income families — that is, those with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level, or less than \$31,822 in 1996 for a family with two parents and two children. A state figure shown in bold indicates a statistically significant difference from the national figure at the .05 confidence level. For more information on indicators and data for all 13 states, see *Snapshots of America's Families*.

Indicator	All Families (%)		Low-income Families (%)	
	WI	US	WI	US
Income and Hardship				
Nonelderly adults and children living in families with incomes below 200% of poverty	Not applicable		25.5	33.2
Employment rates among parents (age 25-54)	86.9	79.8	74.4	65.0
Parents reporting problems paying their rent, mortgage, or utilities	12.0	16.0	25.9	28.4
Children in families that worried about or had difficulty affording food	23.3	31.8	46.8	53.9
Health				
Children with no health insurance	6.4	11.9	14.6	21.3
Nonelderly adults with no health insurance	10.0	16.9	27.9	36.6
Children whose parents are not confident of getting them medical care	4.8	8.3	10.1	14.2
Nonelderly adults with no usual source of health care	10.7	17.6	18.6	26.6
Children with no usual source of health care	2.9	6.0	5.5	9.7
Nonelderly adults in fair or poor health	9.7	12.1	17.9	23.1
Children in fair or poor health	3.0	4.6	5.6	8.2
Children's Environment and Behavior				
Children living in 2-parent families	66.6	62.6		
Children (ages 0-17) who were born to unmarried parents	14.4	18.2		
Children (ages 6-17) highly engaged in school	40.8	41.0	36.3	34.4

Children (ages 1-5) who are read to or told stories fewer than 3 days per week	12.9	16.8	19.9	24.0
Children's (ages 6-17) participation in extracurricular activities	85.5	83.2	78.3	72.9
Children (ages 6-11) with behavioral and emotional problems	7.2	6.5	11.2	9.6
Children (ages 12-17) with behavioral and emotional problems	8.3	8.8	15.7	14.9
Adults' Environment and Behavior				
Children living with a parent who participates in volunteer activities	37.5	37.8	30.0	30.5
Children living with a parent who participates in religious activities	61.2	58.8	50.3	54.7
Children living with a highly aggravated parent	9.7	9.0	14.8	13.7
Children living with a parent whose symptoms suggested poor mental health	14.5	16.6	25.0	25.4
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Welfare makes people work less than they would if there weren't a welfare system."	74.2	78.1	71.5	73.5
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."	80.1	77.6	79.3	75.0
Parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement: "When children are young, mothers should not work outside the home."	43.1	49.4	48.7	53.3

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