



Number of Children Living Only With Their Mothers Has Doubled in Past 50 Years

Percentage and Number of Children Living With Two Parents Has Dropped Since 1968

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The number of children living with two parents has dropped since 1968, while the percentage living with their mother only has doubled.

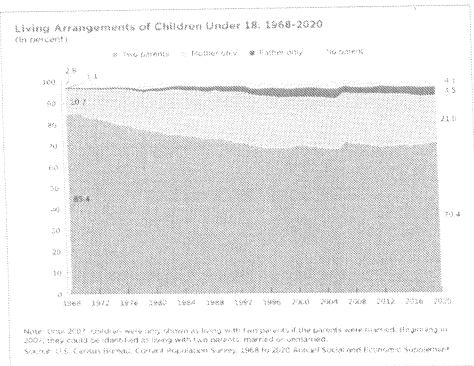
In 1968, 85% of children under 18 lived with two parents (regardless of marital status); by 2020, 70% did, according to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS) [<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2020/demo/families/cps-2020.html>]

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Living With Two Parents

Living with two parents has historically been the nation’s most common children’s living arrangement. In 1968, about 60.0 million (85%) U.S. children under 18 lived with two parents. But this number dipped between 1968 and 2020 when both the percentage and overall number of children living with two parents declined.

By 2020, although this living arrangement continued to be the most common for children, the number of children living with two parents had slipped to 51.3 million (70%).

Living With Mother Only

Children living with a mother only is the second most common U.S. living arrangement, a number that has doubled since 1968.

About 7.6 million (11%) children lived with their mother only in 1968 compared to 15.3 million (21%) in 2020.

Living With Father Only

The number of children living with their father only, although still small, more than quadrupled from 0.8



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