

FATHERING ACROSS HOUSEHOLDS

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The Complexity of Men's Fathering

- About 62% of men (~75 million) are fathers to biological, step, or adopted children
- About 15% of men have biological children with more than one woman
- Among fathers of minor (<18) biological children, about 25% do not live with all of their minor biological children
- About 9% of men are living with children <18 who are not “theirs”

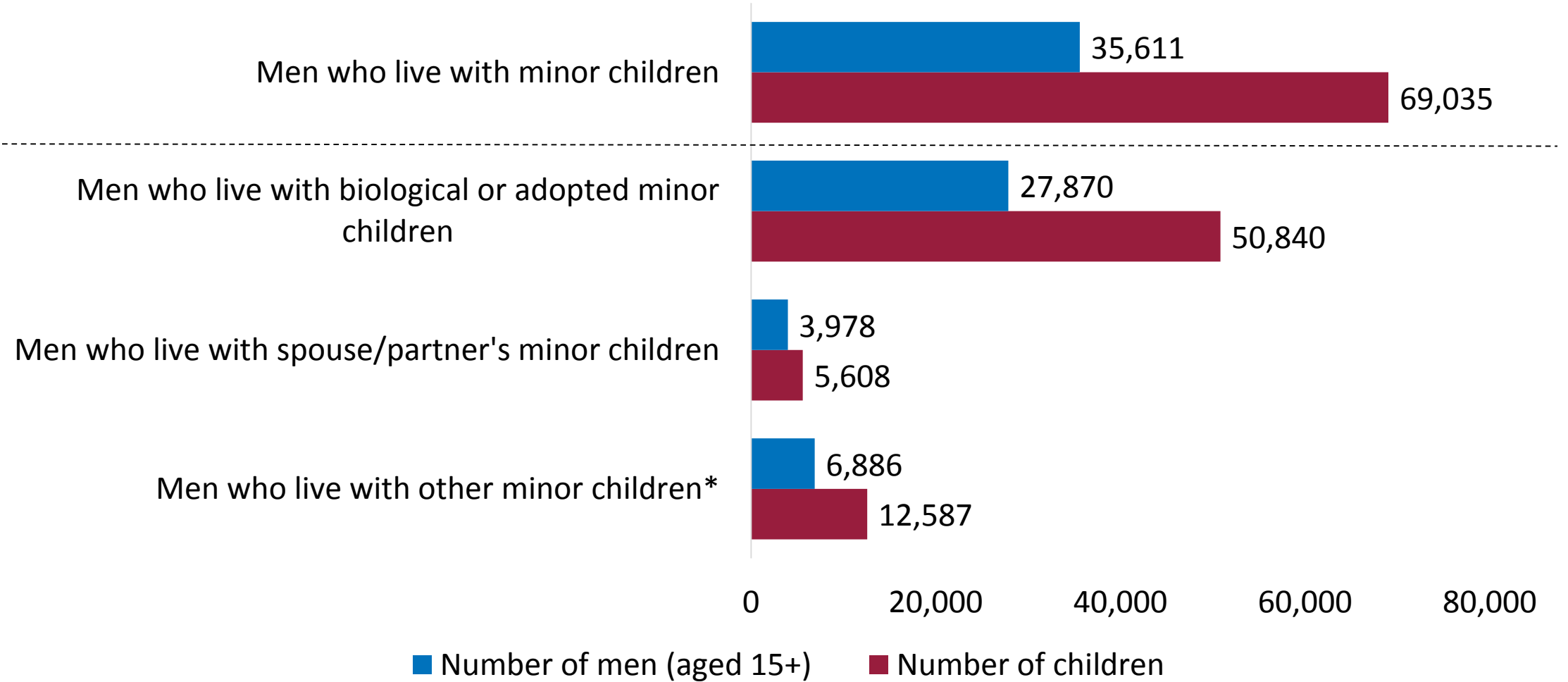
About the Survey of Income & Program Participation (SIPP)

- The SIPP is a nationally representative survey of the civilian non-institutionalized population.
- The data used here come from Wave 1 of the 2014 SIPP.
 - The Census Bureau has been administering the SIPP since the 1980s, but the instrument was overhauled for the 2014 panel
 - The 2014 SIPP is the first Census Bureau survey to collect a complete fertility history for both women and men.
 - The SIPP also includes detailed relationship information for all household members.

Fathering within the household

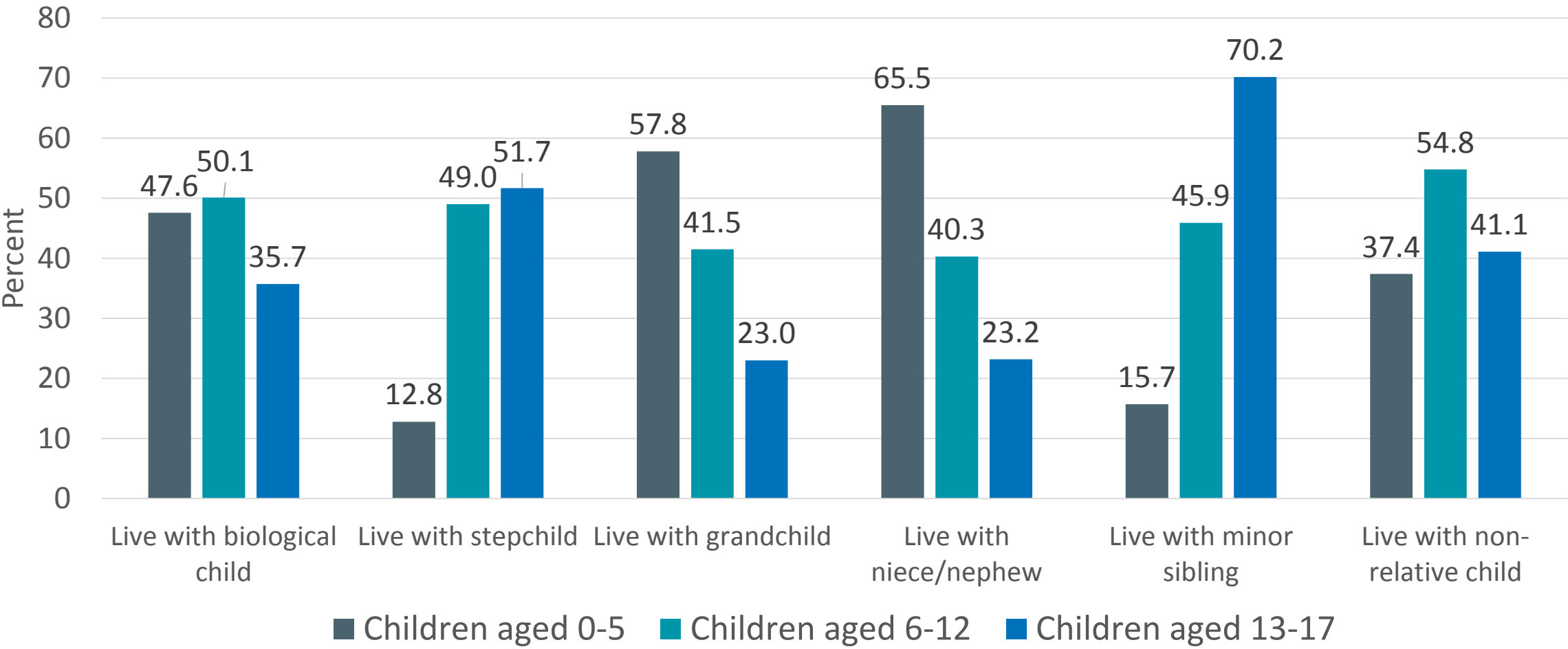
About 36 million men live with about 70 million minor children (<18)

(Numbers in 1,000s)



*Excludes individuals living in own parent's home with minor siblings.

CORESIDENT CHILDREN: The children with whom a man lives vary by age within relationship type

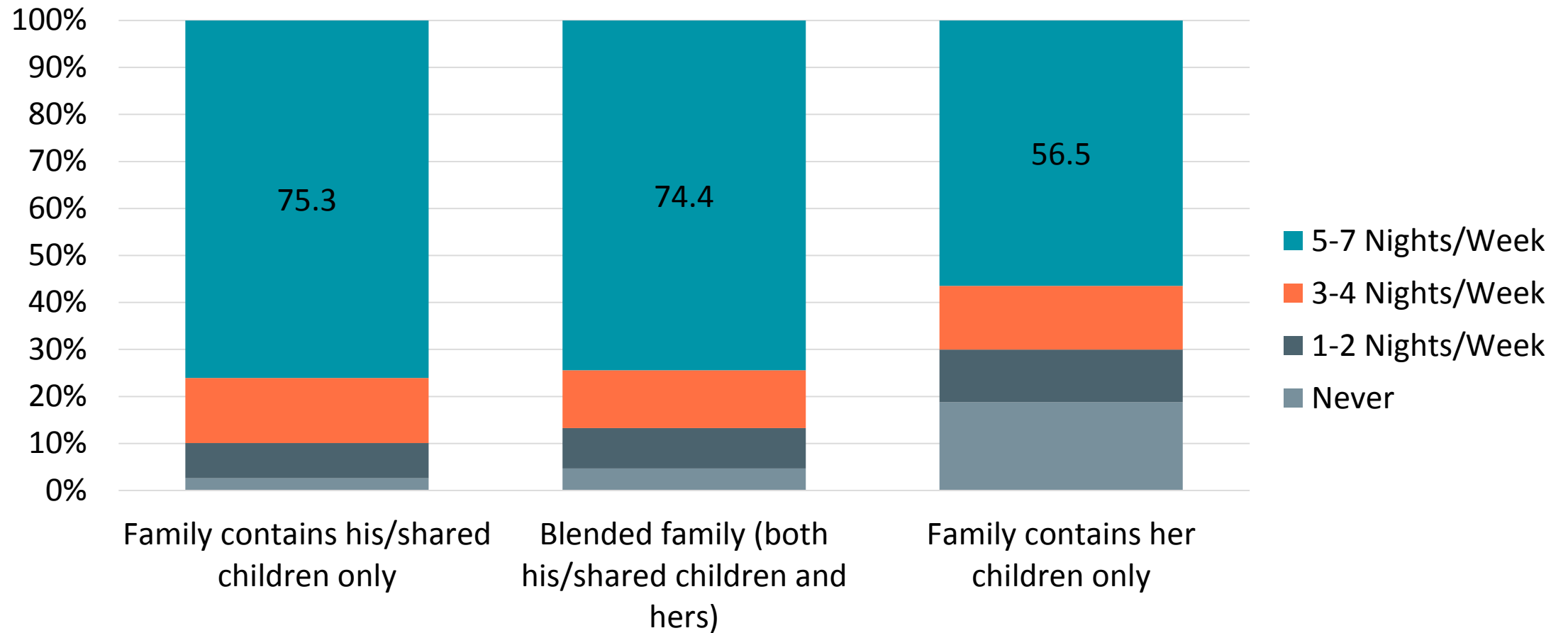


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SOURCE: US Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) 2014, Wave 1

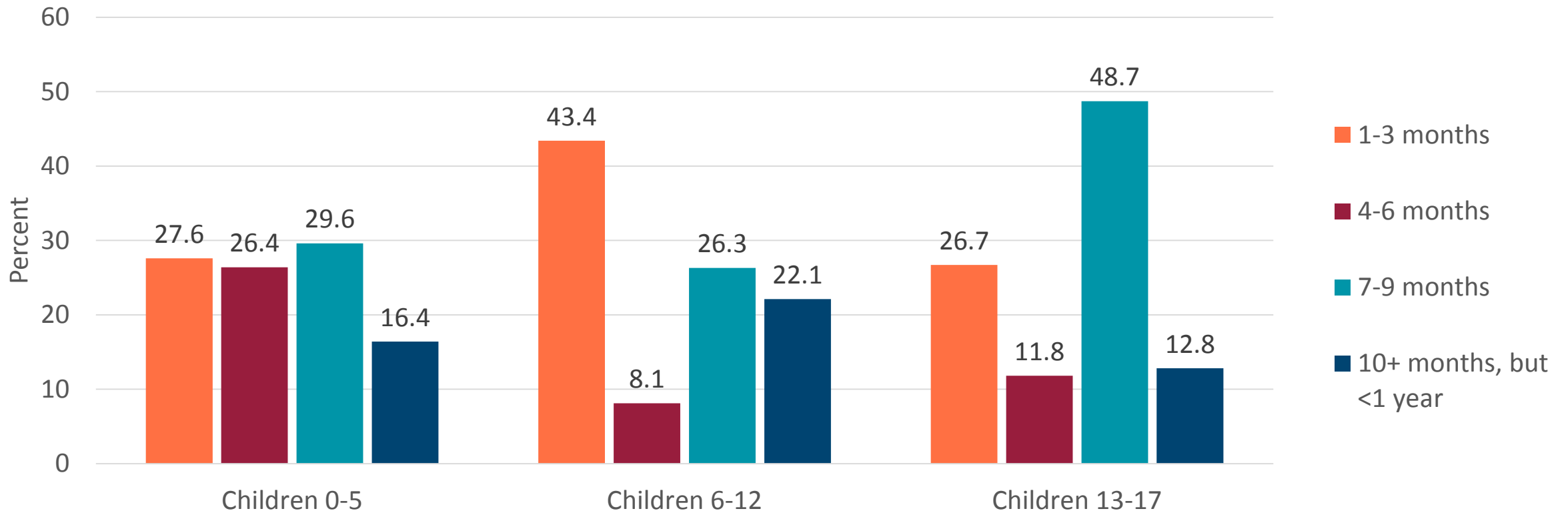
Interactions with children also vary by family type:

Father's/stepfather's dinners with children aged 0-17



Roughly 3.3 million fathers have minor children who lived with them for part, but not all, of 2013.

How long fathers lived with their “transient” children, by child age:

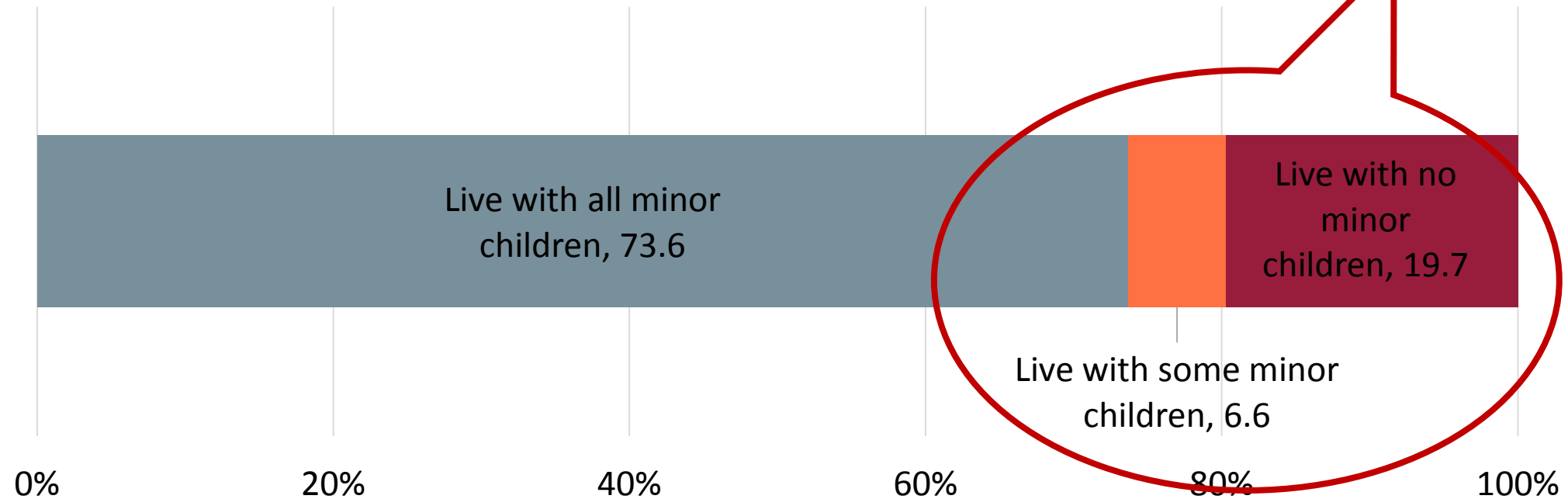


Fathering outside the household

The majority of fathers of minor biological children live with all of those children.

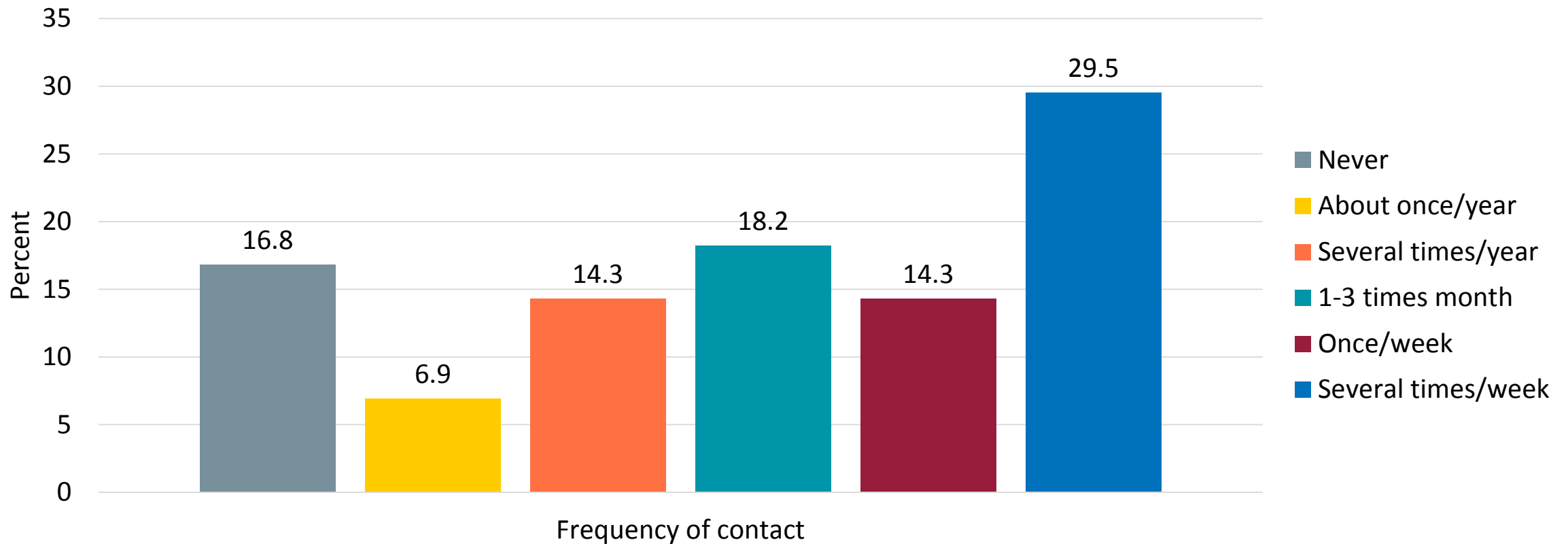
However, roughly a quarter of fathers of minor children live apart from at least some of those children.

Fathers of biological children <18



About 7.7 million fathers (11.8%) report that they have a child <21 who lives elsewhere with their other parent.

Fathers' Level of Contact with Children <21 who live elsewhere



Predictors of fathering circumstances & behaviors

Predictors of living with own minor child(ren)

SAMPLE: All men who live with a minor

	Estimate	SE	Pr > ChiSq	Odds Ratio
He is native-born (Y/N)	0.02	0.05	0.66	1.02
He is currently married (Y/N)	1.28	0.06	<.01	3.61
He is divorced, widowed, or separated (Y/N)	2.99	0.07	<.01	19.86
He is never married (Y/N)	omitted			
He has children with his current partner (Y/N)	4.33	0.05	<.01	75.58
He has children with more than one partner (Y/N)	-0.95	0.06	<.01	0.39
Youngest person in HH is aged 0-5 (Y/N)	-0.03	0.05	0.60	0.98
Youngest person in HH is aged 6-12 (Y/N)	0.23	0.05	<.01	1.26
Youngest person in HH is aged 13+ (Y/N)	omitted			

All models control for the man's age, race, Hispanic origin, educational attainment, and employment.

Predictors of living with a partner's minor child(ren)

SAMPLE: All men who live with a minor

	Estimate	SE	Pr > ChiSq	Odds Ratio
He is native-born (Y/N)	0.57	0.05	<.01	1.77
He is currently married (Y/N)	1.16	0.06	<.01	3.17
He is divorced, widowed, or separated (Y/N)	0.82	0.07	<.01	2.28
He is never married (Y/N)	omitted			
He has children with his current partner (Y/N)	-1.51	0.05	<.01	0.22
He has children with more than one partner (Y/N)	-0.68	0.05	<.01	0.51
Youngest person in HH is aged 0-5 (Y/N)	0.67	0.05	<.01	1.95
Youngest person in HH is aged 6-12 (Y/N)	0.48	0.05	<.01	1.61
Youngest person in HH is aged 13+ (Y/N)	omitted			

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Predictors of having his minor child(ren) live with him for part, but not all, of the reference year

SAMPLE: Fathers aged 15+

	Estimate	SE	Pr > ChiSq	Odds Ratio
He is native-born (Y/N)	-0.10	0.06	0.08	0.91
He is currently married (Y/N)	-0.27	0.06	<.01	0.76
He is divorced, widowed, or separated (Y/N)	0.84	0.09	<.01	2.32
He is never married (Y/N)	omitted			
He has children with his current partner (Y/N)	0.74	0.08	<.01	2.10
He has children with more than one partner (Y/N)	-0.16	0.06	0.01	0.85
Youngest person in HH is aged 0-5 (Y/N)	2.13	0.08	<.01	8.45
Youngest person in HH is aged 6-12 (Y/N)	-0.40	0.12	<.01	0.67
Youngest person in HH is aged 13+ (Y/N)	omitted			

All models control for the man's age, race, Hispanic origin, educational attainment, and employment.

Predictors of having at least monthly contact with children living elsewhere

SAMPLE: Men with children under age 21 who live with their other parent

	Estimate	SE	Pr > ChiSq	Odds Ratio
He is native-born (Y/N)	0.27	0.07	<.01	1.31
He is currently married (Y/N)	-0.54	0.07	<.01	0.59
He is divorced, widowed, or separated (Y/N)	0.05	0.07	0.46	1.05
He is never married (Y/N)	omitted			
He has children with his current partner (Y/N)	-0.42	0.09	<.01	0.66
He has children with more than one partner (Y/N)	0.46	0.06	<.01	1.58
Youngest person in HH is aged 0-5 (Y/N)	0.48	0.09	<.01	1.62
Youngest person in HH is aged 6-12 (Y/N)	0.13	0.08	0.13	1.13
Youngest person in HH is aged 13+ (Y/N)	omitted			

All models control for the man's age, race, Hispanic origin, educational attainment, and employment.

SUMMARY

- Men's family situations are diverse, including a variety of children and family types, and often extending beyond a single household
- Men's contact and coresidence with those children varies by both the children's demographics and the men's demographics

NEXT STEPS

- Refine the existing analysis – additional measures, more nuanced controls
- Look at the same measures from the perspective of children

NEW Census Bureau report available in May 2019:

Men's Fertility and Fatherhood

www.census.gov/topics/health/fertility.html

Thank you!

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