Changing American Households

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Definitions

• **Household** - all the people living in a housing unit.

• **Householder** - a person age 15 and over whose name is on the lease or mortgage.

• **Single-person household** - a household that contains only one person.

• **Family** - a household that contains at least one additional person who is related to the householder by birth, marriage or adoption.
How American Households are Changing

• Marital Patterns have driven changes in American Households.

• Since 2007, there has been an increase in the number of households with an additional adult living in them.

• There has been an increase in the percentage of multi-earner households in the past 10 years.
Percentage of Families with Children by Family Type: 1950-2010

Unmarried Couples in Thousands by Presence of Children: 1996 to 2010

Percent of Households with one Person:
1960 to 2011

Percentage Single-Person Households by Age of Householder: 2010

Percentage Married-Couple and Unmarried Partner Households by Age of Householder: 2010

Definitions

• **Additional adult** - a person aged 18 years or older who is not the householder nor his or her spouse or cohabiting partner and is not enrolled in school.

• **Family households** are headed by a householder living with at least one relative.

• **Non-family households** include one or more unrelated adults sharing a household.
Percentage of Households with At Least One Additional Adult, 2007 to 2011

Percent of Adults Aged 25 to 34 Who are the Child of the Householder: 1983 to 2011

NOTE: In CPS data, unmarried college students living in dormitories are counted as living in their parent(s) home.
Poverty Rates of Adults Aged 25 to 34 Years: 2010

- Official Poverty - All Adults Aged 25 to 34: 15.2%
- Official Poverty Residing in Their Parents' Household: 8.4%
- Personal Income Below Poverty - (less than $11,344) Living in Their Parents' Household: 45.3%

Definitions

**Median Household Income** - The income value where half the households have incomes above and half below;

**Quintiles** - Each quintile contains 20% of households; in 2010 the lowest quintile had incomes below $20,000, the second between $20,000 and $38,040, the middle between $38,040 and $61,720, the fourth between $61,720 and $100,085, the highest had incomes above $100,085.
Income Distribution of Married and Non-married Couple Households

Median Household Income by Number of Earners: 1990-2010
(In 2010 dollars)

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