● In 1990 one in four children in the United States lived with a parent who had not completed high school. By 2000, this had dropped to 21.9 percent of all children.

● All regions decreased except the West, which increased by half a percentage point. Only four states had an increase and they were all in the West.

● Kentucky and Mississippi were among the states with the largest decreases, both dropping by 9.5 percentage points.

● The percentage of children in the United States living with a parent who had a bachelor’s degree or higher increased from 25.6 percent in 1990 to 28.9 percent in 2000.

● All regions and almost all states experienced an increase, but few grew by more than 5 percentage points.

● Among the states that did have increases, New Mexico had the smallest point increase of 0.4 percentage points.

● Hawaii decreased by 4.2 percentage points compared to national decrease of 0.6 points. Only West Virginia experienced an increase.

● Nationally, the percentage of children who had at least one parent on active duty in the Armed Forces decreased slightly, to 1.0 percent in 2000.

● Hawaii decreased by 4.2 percentage points compared to national decrease of 0.6 points. Only West Virginia experienced an increase.

● Despite decreases over the decade, Hawaii and Alaska had the highest percentage of children living in households with at least one parent on active military duty in 2000 and 1990.