

## Families Today (Teacher Key)

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What do statistics indicate about families today? Let's look at the data from the United States Census Bureau to determine the composition of today's households on pages 1-4. Take notes as we review the statistics.

<http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-14.pdf>

1. 300.8 million people lived in 116.7 million households for an average of 2.58 people per household.
2. Of the 88.8 million children of householders, 93 percent were biological children. There were approximately twice as many stepchildren (4.2 million) as adopted children (2.1 million).
3. In the same generation as the children of the householder are the sons-in-law and daughters-in-law of the householder. They numbered 1.2 million in 2010, and almost half of them were young adults who depended on their in-laws for housing assistance.
4. Another 1.1 million young adults were grandchildren of the householder.
5. This age group made up 16 percent of the 7.1 million grandchildren living with their grandparents—the majority of these grandchildren were under 18 (82 percent).
6. At the other end of the generational continuum were the parents and parents-in-law of the householder, comprising about 3.0 million and 926,000 relatives, respectively. Unlike people in any other relationship category, the majority of these were 65 years and over—57 percent of parents and 69 percent of parents-in-law were this age.
7. 4.7 million were "other relatives" who lived in households. About one-third of them were under 18 and were often nephews and nieces of the householder
8. On page 4, what is the definition of a household and what does it include?

A "household" includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit. One person in each household is designated as the "householder." In most cases, this is the person, or one of the people, in whose name the home is owned, being bought, or rented. If there is no such person in the household, any household member 15 years old and over can be designated as the householder.

9. What does a family consist of?

A family consists of a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. Biological, adopted, and stepchildren of the householder who are under 18 are the "own children" of the householder. Own children do not include other children present in the household, regardless of the presence or absence of the other children's parents.

10. Family households maintained by a female householder with no spouse present numbered 15.3 million, more than twice the number maintained by a male householder with no spouse present (5.8 million).
11. Based on these facts, predict the effects of societal, demographic, and economic trends on individuals and the family.

Societal trends \_\_\_\_\_

Demographic trends \_\_\_\_\_

Economic trends \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

12. Your personal reflection on the data reviewed today:

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