

Families Today

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

A “household” _____

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

9. What does a family consist of?

10. Family households maintained by a _____ householder with no spouse present numbered _____ 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 _____

12. Your personal reflection on the data reviewed today:
