

**Table 2. Historical Living Arrangements of Children: 1880 to 2004**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Living arrangements    | Year              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
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|                        | 1880 <sup>1</sup> | 1900 <sup>1</sup> | 1910 <sup>1</sup> | 1920 <sup>1</sup> | 1940 <sup>1</sup> | 1950 <sup>1</sup> | 1960 <sup>1</sup> | 1970 <sup>2</sup> | 1980 <sup>2</sup> | 1990 <sup>2</sup> | 1996 <sup>3</sup> | 2001 <sup>4</sup> | 2004 <sup>5</sup> |
| Children               | 22,027            | 30,784            | 34,997            | 39,535            | 40,435            | 46,506            | 64,586            | 69,162            | 63,427            | 64,137            | 71,494            | 72,501            | 73,227            |
| Living with --         |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Two parents            | 18,359            | 25,916            | 29,880            | 34,122            | 34,404            | 40,365            | 55,885            | 58,939            | 48,624            | 46,503            | 50,685            | 51,113            | 51,013            |
| One parent             | 2,332             | 3,172             | 3,389             | 3,742             | 4,178             | 4,144             | 6,644             | 8,200             | 12,466            | 15,867            | 18,165            | 18,472            | 19,335            |
| Mother only            | 1,770             | 2,310             | 2,470             | 2,588             | 3,186             | 3,452             | 5,820             | 7,452             | 11,406            | 13,874            | 16,340            | 16,297            | 16,973            |
| Father only            | 562               | 862               | 919               | 1,154             | 992               | 692               | 824               | 748               | 1,060             | 1,993             | 1,825             | 2,175             | 2,363             |
| Neither parent         | 1,337             | 1,695             | 1,729             | 1,672             | 1,852             | 1,998             | 2,057             | 2,023             | 2,337             | 1,767             | 2,644             | 2,917             | 2,878             |
| Percent living with -- | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             | 100.0             |
| Two parents            | 83.3              | 84.2              | 85.4              | 86.3              | 85.1              | 86.8              | 86.5              | 85.2              | 76.7              | 72.5              | 70.9              | 70.5              | 69.7              |
| One parent             | 10.6              | 10.3              | 9.7               | 9.5               | 10.3              | 8.9               | 10.3              | 11.9              | 19.7              | 24.7              | 25.4              | 25.5              | 26.4              |
| Mother only            | 8.0               | 7.5               | 7.1               | 6.5               | 7.9               | 7.4               | 9.0               | 10.8              | 18.0              | 21.6              | 22.9              | 22.5              | 23.2              |
| Father only            | 2.6               | 2.8               | 2.6               | 2.9               | 2.5               | 1.5               | 1.3               | 1.1               | 1.7               | 3.1               | 2.6               | 3.0               | 3.2               |
| Neither parent         | 6.1               | 5.5               | 4.9               | 4.2               | 4.6               | 4.3               | 3.2               | 2.9               | 3.7               | 2.8               | 3.7               | 4.0               | 3.9               |

1/ Source: Data for these years come from the Public Use Micro Samples collected and made available by IPUMS, Historical Census Projects.

2/ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Historical Table CH-1 (available on the internet)

3/ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1996 Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 2

4/ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 2

5/ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 Survey of Income and Program Participation, Wave 2

Note: For 1880-1940, children in group quarters are included (1 percent or less of all children).