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.


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” _____________________________________________________________________

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9. What does a family consist of?

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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:

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