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Living Arrangements and Housing

The impact of family

On this page: Children's living arrangements with parents and grandparents, and family housing circumstances

- Children in single-parent households are likelier to live in poverty, have fewer relationships with male role models, have less time to interact with working parents, and have lower academic standing.
- Grandparents raising their grandchildren often need help – such as child care, support groups, and physical and mental health services – managing their responsibilities and maintaining a stable home environment.
- Low-income families are likelier to rent their homes, missing the financial benefits of home ownership. Children of renters are likelier to experience destabilization caused by high housing costs, overcrowding, and poor conditions.

	—Allegheny County—		—Pennsylvania—	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Living Arrangements				
• Own children under age 18 living with 2 parents	190,229	—	2,026,701	—
• Own children under age 18 living with mother only	66,073	—	586,266	—
• Own children under age 18 living with father only	13,558	—	161,604	—
• Own children under age 6 living with 2 parents	59,534	—	616,445	—
• Own children under age 6 living with mother only	19,769	—	175,030	—
• Own children under age 6 living with father only	4,292	—	54,440	—
Grandparents				
• Grandparents responsible for their own grandchildren and living with them	6,900	39.6%	80,423	39.2%
• Grandparents responsible for their own grandchildren for five or more years, now living with them	2,611	15.0%	31,622	15.4%
Housing				
• Owner-occupied households with own children	102,913	19.2%	1,068,530	22.4%
• Owner-occupied, single-mother households with own children	11,972	2.2%	118,865	2.5%
• Renter-occupied households with own children	39,375	7.3%	369,049	7.7%
• Renter-occupied single-mother households with own children	22,168	4.1%	172,504	3.6%
Neighborhoods				
• Children under age 18 living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	46,875	16.7%	448,161	15.3%