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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.

	—Chester County—		—Pennsylvania—	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Living Arrangements				
• Own children under age 18 living with 2 parents	92,415	—	2,026,701	—
• Own children under age 18 living with mother only	12,756	—	586,266	—
• Own children under age 18 living with father only	4,358	—	161,604	—
• Own children under age 6 living with 2 parents	29,786	—	616,445	—
• Own children under age 6 living with mother only	3,198	—	175,030	—
• Own children under age 6 living with father only	1,331	—	54,440	—
Grandparents				
• Grandparents responsible for their own grandchildren and living with them	1,807	30.8%	80,423	39.2%
• Grandparents responsible for their own grandchildren for five or more years, now living with them	779	13.3%	31,622	15.4%
Housing				
• Owner-occupied households with own children	46,669	29.6%	1,068,530	22.4%
• Owner-occupied, single-mother households with own children	3,311	2.1%	118,865	2.5%
• Renter-occupied households with own children	9,224	5.8%	369,049	7.7%
• Renter-occupied single-mother households with own children	3,239	2.1%	172,504	3.6%
Neighborhoods				
• Children under age 18 living in neighborhoods where 20% or more of the population is below poverty	3,688	3.2%	448,161	15.3%

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