**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**

**2015 SURVEY OF AMERICAN PARENTS**

**FINAL TOPLINE**

**SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 13, 2015**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN .5% ARE REPLACED BY AN**

**ASTERIKS (\*). COLUMNS/ROWS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sample Size** | **Margin of error at 95% confidence level** |
| Adult Parents (18+) of children under age 18 | 1,807 | +/- 2.7% points |
| *Fathers* | 937 | +/- 3.7% points |
| *Mothers* | 870 | +/- 3.9% points |

**BASED ON PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.1 Please tell me how satisfied you are with your life overall – would you say you are **[READ IN ORDER]**?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 43 | Very satisfied | 42 | 44 |
| 50 | Mostly satisfied | 50 | 50 |
| 4 | Mostly dissatisfied | 5 | 3 |
| 1 | Very dissatisfied | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 2 | 1 |

**BASED ON PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.2 In general, how do you feel about your time? Would you say that you always feel rushed even to do the things you have to do, only sometimes feel rushed, or almost never feel rushed?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 31 | Always | 28 | 33 |
| 53 | Sometimes feel rushed | 53 | 53 |
| 15 | Almost never feel rushed | 18 | 13 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |

**Trends for comparison:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Always | Sometimes feel rushed | Almost never feel rushed | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *Nov 2012* | 34 | 46 | 18 | 1 |
| *Dec 2005* | 31 | 56 | 12 | \* |
| *PSRA/National Commission on Children Sept-Nov 1990****[[1]](#footnote-1)*** | 27 | 57 | 15 | \* |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

M.1 Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married? **[IF R SAYS “SINGLE,” PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 70 | Married | 74 | 66 |
| 8 | Living with partner | 9 | 8 |
| 9 | Divorced | 8 | 10 |
| 3 | Separated | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | Widowed | \* | 1 |
| 8 | Never been married | 5 | 11 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**ASK IF LIVING WITH PARTNER (M1=2):**

M.2 Have you ever been married?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 35 | Yes | --- | --- |
| 63 | No | --- | --- |
| 2 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | --- | --- |
| **(n=119)** |  | **(n=63)** | **(n=56)** |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER**

**(M1=1,2):**

Q.2x Do you think you spend too much time with your (spouse/partner), too little time or about the right amount of time?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 2 | Too much | 2 | 3 |
| 38 | Too little | 39 | 37 |
| 59 | Right amount | 58 | 60 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| **(n=1,438)** |  | **(n=787)** | **(n=651)** |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.3 Overall how would you rate the job you do as a parent? Do you think you do a very good job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 91 | Very good/good **(NET)** | 88 | 94 |
| 46 | Very good | 39 | 51 |
| 46 | Good | 48 | 43 |
| 8 | Only Fair/Poor **(NET)** | 12 | 5 |
| 7 | Only fair | 10 | 5 |
| 1 | Poor | 1 | \* |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |

**Trends for comparison:[[2]](#footnote-2)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very good | Good | Only Fair | Poor | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *PSRA/Newsweek: May 1996* | 56 | 38 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| *PSRA/Newsweek: May 1995* | 56 | 38 | 4 | 1 | 1 |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.4 How would you describe your household’s financial situation? Would you say you **[READ; DO NOT RANDOMIZE]**?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 33 | Live comfortably | 32 | 33 |
| 32 | Meet you basic expenses with a little left over for extras | 34 | 31 |
| 25 | Just meet your basic expenses | 26 | 25 |
| 9 | Don’t even have enough to meet basic expenses | 7 | 11 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |

**Trend:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Live  comfortably | Meet you basic expenses with a little left over for extras | Just meet you basic expenses | Don’t even have enough to meet basic expenses | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *Nov 2012* | 30 | 32 | 27 | 11 | 1 |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

E3Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed? [**INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY WORK IN THE HOME, I.E. CARING FOR THEIR KIDS OR BEING A HOMEMAKER, ASK:** Are you now employed FOR PAY full-time, part-time, or not employed for pay?]

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 75 | Employed **(NET)** | 89 | 64 |
| 61 | Full-time | 83 | 43 |
| 14 | Part-time | 5 | 21 |
| 25 | Not employed **(NET)** | 11 | 36 |
| 22 | Not employed | 8 | 33 |
| 1 | Disabled **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | Retired **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |
| 1 | Student **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**NO QUESTIONS 5 AND 6**

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.7 How would you rate your neighborhood as a place to raise children? Would you say it is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 62 | Excellent/Very good **(NET)** | 60 | 63 |
| 34 | Excellent | 33 | 34 |
| 28 | Very good | 27 | 29 |
| 20 | Good | 22 | 19 |
| 18 | Fair/Poor **(NET)** | 18 | 18 |
| 13 | Fair | 13 | 13 |
| 5 | Poor | 5 | 5 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |

**Trend for comparison:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Excellent | Very good | Good | Fair | Poor | DK/Ref.**(VOL.)** |
| *PSRA/National Commission on Children: Sept-Nov 1990*[[3]](#footnote-3) | 34 | 29 | 22 | 12 | 3 | - |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.8 Now thinking about yourself… **How important, if at all, is being a** (father/mother) **to your overall identity? Would you say it is (READ)?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 58 | Extremely important | 57 | 58 |
| 36 | Very important | 37 | 35 |
| 5 | Somewhat important | 4 | 6 |
| 1 | Not too important | 1 | 1 |
| \* | Not at all important **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**NO QUESTIONS 9 THROUGH 11**

**IF RESPONDENT HAS ADULT CHILDREN (P2=1,2,9), READ:**

For the rest of this survey, please think only about your (child who is/children who are) under 18.

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.12 Thinking about the time you spend with your (child/children)… Do you think you spend too much time with your (child/children), too little time or about the right amount of time?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 5 | Too much | 2 | 8 |
| 36 | Too little | 48 | 25 |
| 59 | Right amount | 50 | 66 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**Trend:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Too much | Too little | Right amount | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *Nov 2012* | 6 | 33 | 60 | 1 |

**NO QUESTIONS 13 AND 14**

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.15 **Thinking about the time you have away from your (child/children) to get together with friends or pursue hobbies and other interests, would you say [RANDOMIZE: (that you don’t have enough time) or (that you have about the right amount of time)] to do these things?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 51 | Don’t have enough time | 51 | 50 |
| 46 | About the right amount | 46 | 46 |
| 2 | Have no time **(VOL.)** | 1 | 3 |
| 2 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 2 | 1 |

**NO QUESTIONS 16 THROUGH 20**

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.21 **How much, if at all, does it matter to you that [INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE, NEVER ASK ITEM c FIRST] you as a good parent – a lot, a little or not at all? And how much, if at all, does it matter to you that your [NEXT ITEM] you as a good parent? [REPEAT ONCE AND THEN AS NECESSARY: “A lot, a little, or not at all?”]**

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (M1=1,2):**

1. Your (spouse/partner) sees

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 93 | A lot | 94 | 91 |
| 5 | A little | 5 | 5 |
| 3 | Not at all | 1 | 4 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| **(n=1,438)** |  | **(n=787)** | **(n=651)** |

**ASK IF NOT MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER OR WIDOWED (M1=3,4,6,9):**

1. Your (child’s other parent/children’s other parent) sees

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 56 | A lot | 60 | 54 |
| 20 | A little | 20 | 20 |
| 22 | Not at all | 18 | 24 |
| \* | No living other parent **(VOL.)** | 0 | \* |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 2 | 1 |
| **(n=342)** |  | **(n=146)** | **(n=196)** |

1. Your parents see

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 69 | A lot | 67 | 70 |
| 16 | A little | 17 | 16 |
| 10 | Not at all | 9 | 10 |
| 5 | No living parents **(VOL.)** | 6 | 4 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Your friendssee

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 52 | A lot | 51 | 52 |
| 27 | A little | 26 | 27 |
| 20 | Not at all | 21 | 19 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |

1. People in your community see

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 45 | A lot | 45 | 46 |
| 28 | A little | 29 | 28 |
| 25 | Not at all | 25 | 25 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.22 Thinking about your parenting situation, **in general, how much support do you feel that you have** from friends or extended family when it comes to raising your (child/children) **- a lot of support, some support, or almost no support**?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 44 | A lot of support | 44 | 45 |
| 39 | Some support | 39 | 38 |
| 15 | Almost no support | 15 | 15 |
| 2 | Not support at all **(VOL.)** | 2 | 2 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.23 Thinking about the kind of (person/people) you hope your (child becomes as an adult/children become as adults), how important is it to you that (he/she/they) be **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** - extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important? And how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important to you that your (child/children**)** be **(ITEM)** as (an adult/adults)**]**?

1. Hard-working

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 62 | Extremely important | 60 | 64 |
| 33 | Very important | 35 | 32 |
| 4 | Somewhat important | 5 | 3 |
| \* | Not too important | \* | \* |
| \* | Not at all important **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Financially independent

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 54 | Extremely important | 49 | 58 |
| 37 | Very important | 39 | 36 |
| 7 | Somewhat important | 10 | 5 |
| 1 | Not too important | 2 | \* |
| 0 | Not at all important **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |

1. Caring and compassionate

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 65 | Extremely important | 58 | 71 |
| 31 | Very important | 36 | 27 |
| 3 | Somewhat important | 5 | 1 |
| \* | Not too important | \* | 1 |
| \* | Not at all important **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**Q.23 CONTINUED…**

1. Ambitious

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 45 | Extremely important | 44 | 46 |
| 33 | Very important | 34 | 33 |
| 15 | Somewhat important | 15 | 14 |
| 5 | Not too important | 4 | 6 |
| 1 | Not at all important **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |

1. Honest and ethical

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 71 | Extremely important | 68 | 74 |
| 27 | Very important | 30 | 25 |
| 1 | Somewhat important | 2 | 1 |
| \* | Not too important | \* | \* |
| 0 | Not at all important **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.24 And how important is it to you that your (child earns/children earn) a college degree - extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 42 | Extremely important | 37 | 46 |
| 31 | Very important | 32 | 30 |
| 20 | Somewhat important | 22 | 18 |
| 7 | Not too important | 8 | 6 |
| \* | Not at all important **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |

**NO QUESTIONS 25 THROUGH 28**

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.29 Would you say that for you, personally, being a parent is **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** all of the time, most of the time, just some of the time, or none of the time? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Would you say being a parent is **[ITEM]** all of the time, most of the time, just some of the time, or none of the time?**]**

1. Enjoyable

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 43 | All of the time | 46 | 41 |
| 47 | Most of the time | 45 | 49 |
| 9 | Some of the time | 9 | 10 |
| \* | None of the time | \* | \* |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**Q.29 CONTINUED…**

1. Rewarding

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 53 | All of the time | 54 | 52 |
| 35 | Most of the time | 33 | 36 |
| 11 | Some of the time | 12 | 10 |
| \* | None of the time | 1 | \* |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 2 |

1. Stressful

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 10 | All of the time | 9 | 11 |
| 15 | Most of the time | 15 | 15 |
| 65 | Some of the time | 63 | 67 |
| 9 | None of the time | 12 | 7 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Tiring

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 15 | All of the time | 13 | 17 |
| 18 | Most of the time | 15 | 21 |
| 55 | Some of the time | 56 | 54 |
| 11 | None of the time | 15 | 8 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.30 **Which of these statements comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 46 | My (child’s/children’s) successes and failures mostly reflect the job I’m doing as a parent | 47 | 44 |
| 42 | My (child’s/children’s) successes and failures mostly reflect (his/her/their) own strengths and weaknesses | 40 | 44 |
| 9 | Both **(VOL.)** | 9 | 9 |
| 1 | Neither **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |
| \* | Depends **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |
| 2 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 3 | 2 |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 (CHAGE1=6-17 OR CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5):**

Q.31 **In general, would you say you put too much pressure on your** (child/school-age child/children/school-age children) **to do well in school, not enough pressure, or about the right amount of pressure?**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 7 | Too much pressure | 6 | 8 |
| 10 | Not enough pressure | 10 | 10 |
| 82 | Right amount of pressure | 83 | 81 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| **(n=1,486)** |  | **(n=755)** | **(n=731)** |

**NO QUESTION 32**

**READ TO ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

On a different subject…

**RANDOMIZE Q.33 AND Q.34**

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE EMPLOYED (E3=1,2):**

Q.33 How difficult would you say it is for you personally to balance the responsibilities of your job with the responsibilities of your family? Would you say it is … **[READ IN ORDER]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 56 | Difficult **(NET)** | 52 | 60 |
| 14 | Very difficult | 12 | 17 |
| 42 | Somewhat difficult | 40 | 43 |
| 44 | Not difficult **(NET)** | 48 | 39 |
| 29 | Not too difficult | 31 | 26 |
| 15 | Not at all difficult | 17 | 13 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |
| **(n=1,411)** |  | **(n=825)** | **(n=586)** |

**Trend:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Difficult  (**NET)** | Very  difficult | Somewhat  difficult | Not difficult  **(NET)** | Not too  difficult | Not at all difficult | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *Nov 2012* | 53 | 15 | 37 | 47 | 32 | 15 | 1 |

**RANDOMIZE Q.33 AND Q.34**

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE EMPLOYED (E3=1,2):**

Q.34 Overall, has being a (father/mother) made it harder or easier for you to advance in your job or career,or hasn’t this made a difference?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 30 | Has made it harder | 20 | 41 |
| 10 | Has made it easier | 13 | 6 |
| 59 | Hasn’t made a difference | 66 | 51 |
| 1 | Depends **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| **(n=1,411)** |  | **(n=825)** | **(n=586)** |

**Trend for comparison:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Makes it harder | Makes it easier | Hasn’t made a difference | Depends  **(VOL.)** | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *Oct 2013*[[4]](#footnote-4) | 31 | 7 | 62 | - | 1 |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE NOT WIDOWED (M1=1,2,3,4,6,9):**

Q.35 When it comes to **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE; ALWAYS ASK ITEM e LAST]**, do you do more than your (spouse/partner/child’s other parent/children’s other parent), does your (spouse/ partner/child’s other parent/children’s other parent) do more than you, or do you share this about equally? How about when it comes to **[ITEM]? [REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Do you do more than your (spouse/partner/child’s other parent/children’s other parent), does your (spouse/partner/child’s other parent/children’s other parent) do more than you, or do you share this about equally?**]**

1. Managing your (child’s/children’s) schedule and activities

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 41 | Respondent does more | 11 | 65 |
| 24 | Spouse/partner/other parent does more | 48 | 4 |
| 34 | Share about equally | 41 | 29 |
| 1 | Other | \* | 2 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| **(n=1,780)** |  | **(n=933)** | **(n=847)** |

1. Taking care of your (child/children) when they are sick

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 40 | Respondent does more | 10 | 66 |
| 20 | Spouse/partner/other parent does more | 42 | 2 |
| 38 | Share about equally | 47 | 31 |
| 1 | Other | 1 | 1 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| **(n=1,780)** |  | **(n=933)** | **(n=847)** |

1. Disciplining your (child/children)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 35 | Respondent does more | 26 | 42 |
| 10 | Spouse/partner/other parent does more | 15 | 6 |
| 53 | Share about equally | 57 | 50 |
| 2 | Other | 1 | 2 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| **(n=1,780)** |  | **(n=933)** | **(n=847)** |

1. Playing or doing activities with your (child/children)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 29 | Respondent does more | 19 | 38 |
| 13 | Spouse/partner/other parent does more | 22 | 6 |
| 56 | Share about equally | 58 | 54 |
| 1 | Other | \* | 1 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| **(n=1,780)** |  | **(n=933)** | **(n=847)** |

**Q.35 CONTINUED…**

1. **[IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (M1=1,2)]** Household chores and responsibilities

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 32 | Respondent does more | 11 | 50 |
| 17 | Spouse/partner/other parent does more | 31 | 4 |
| 51 | Share about equally | 57 | 45 |
| \* | Other | \* | \* |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| **(n=1,438)** |  | **(n=787)** | **(n=651)** |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (M1=1,2):**

E5 Is your (spouse/partner) now employed full-time, part-time or not employed? [**INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT SPOUSE/PARTNER WORKS IN THE HOME, I.E. CARING FOR THEIR KIDS OR BEING A HOMEMAKER, ASK:** Is he or she now employed FOR PAY full-time, part-time, or not employed for pay?]

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 82 | Employed **(NET)** | 70 | 92 |
| 70 | Full-time | 52 | 87 |
| 11 | Part-time | 18 | 5 |
| 18 | Not employed **(NET)** | 30 | 8 |
| 17 | Not employed | 29 | 6 |
| 1 | Disabled **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |
| \* | Retired **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |
| \* | Student **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| 0 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| **(n=1,438)** |  | **(n=787)** | **(n=651)** |

**NO QUESTIONS 36 THROUGH 39**

**READ IF PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 AND6-17 [CHAGE2=1-5,9 AND (CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5)]:**

Now thinking only about your (child who is/children who are) between ages 6 and 17…

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 (CHAGE1=6-17 OR CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5):**

Q.40 How satisfied are you with the quality of education your (child is/children are) receiving at school? Are you… **[READ]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 50 | Very satisfied | 47 | 52 |
| 36 | Somewhat satisfied | 39 | 34 |
| 9 | Somewhat dissatisfied | 8 | 9 |
| 4 | Very dissatisfied | 4 | 4 |
| 1 | Depends on child/school **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| **(n=1,486)** |  | **(n=755)** | **(n=731)** |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 (CHAGE1=6-17 OR CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5):**

Q.41a Where (does your child/do your children) usually go right after school on a typical school day? **[DO NOT READ; PRECODED OPEN-END; ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR MORE THAN ONE; IF RESPONDENT SAYS IT DEPENDS ON THE DAY OR THE CHILD, TELL RESPONDENTS THEY CAN LIST MORE THAN ONE ARRANGEMENT]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total[[5]](#footnote-5) |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 70 | Go home | 68 | 72 |
| 18 | Stay at school for activities/goes to after-school activities | 19 | 17 |
| 8 | Go to an after-care program | 7 | 8 |
| 2 | Go to another relative’s house | 3 | 2 |
| 2 | Child is home-schooled | 2 | 2 |
| 1 | Go to a friend’s house | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | Other | 5 | 3 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused | 1 | 1 |
| **(n=1,486)** |  | **(n=755)** | **(n=731)** |

**ASK IF ‘GO HOME’ IN Q41A (Q41A=1):[[6]](#footnote-6)**

Q.41C   On most days, (is your child/are your children) supervised by an adult when they’re home after school, or not? **[IF ‘NO’ ASK:** Is this because your (child doesn’t/children don’t) need supervision or for some other reason?**]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 89 | Yes, supervised | 90 | 89 |
| 10 | No, don’t need supervision | 9 | 10 |
| 1 | No, some other reason | 1 | 1 |
| \* | Supervised by older sibling or a non-adult babysitter **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| **(n=1,002)** |  | **(n=508)** | **(n=494)** |

**READ IF PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 AND6-17 [CHAGE2=1-5 AND CHAGE5=1-9]:**

Now thinking only about your (child who is/children who are) 5 or younger…

**ASK EMPLOYED PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 WITH EMPLOYED SPOUSE OR PARTNER OR WHO ARE NOT MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER [CHAGE1=0-5 OR CHAGE2=1-5)] AND [(M1=1,2 AND (E3=1,2 AND E5=1,2)) OR (M1=3-9 AND E3=1,2)]:**

Q.42 Which of the following child care arrangements do you currently use for your (child/children) when (you/you and your spouse/you and your partner) are at work? You can select as many as apply. **[READ]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total[[7]](#footnote-7) |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 45 | Care by family member[[8]](#footnote-8) | 45 | 46 |
| 48 | Daycare or preschool | 48 | 49 |
| 16 | Nanny or babysitter | 12 | 21 |
| 7 | Something else **[SPECIFY]** | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 0 |
| **(n=393)** |  | **(n=215)** | **(n=178)** |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 WHO ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER AND ONE PARENT IS NOT EMPLOYED OR WHO ARE NOT MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER AND ARE NOT EMPLOYED [CHAGE1=0-5 OR CHAGE2=1-5)] AND [(M1=1,2 AND (E3=3-9 OR E5=3-9)) OR (M1=3-9 AND E3=3-9)]:**

Q.43 (Does your child/Do any of your children) attend a preschool or pre-kindergarten program, or not? **[IF ‘NO’ ASK:** Is this because your (child is/children are) too young to attend preschool or pre-kindergarten or for some other reason?**]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 40 | Yes, attend preschool or pre-kindergarten | 43 | 37 |
| 29 | No, too young to attend preschool or pre-kindergarten | 29 | 29 |
| 31 | No, do not attend preschool or pre-kindergarten and not too young | 27 | 34 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 0 |
| **(n=269)** |  | **(n=131)** | **(n=138)** |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

**Q.44 In your opinion, at what age should children be allowed to [INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE]?** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT IF NECESSARY**: At what age should children be allowed to **(ITEM)]?** **[OPEN-END]**

1. Stay home alone for about an hour

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| \* | 0-5 | \* | 0 |
| 7 | 6-9 | 9 | 6 |
| 43 | 10-12 | 44 | 43 |
| 39 | 13-17 | 37 | 40 |
| 2 | 18 or older | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | Depends **(VOL.)** | 3 | 5 |
| 3 | Never **(VOL.)** | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Mean | 12 | 13 |

1. Play in front of the house unsupervised while an adult is inside

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 7 | 0-5 | 8 | 6 |
| 31 | 6-9 | 31 | 30 |
| 32 | 10-12 | 32 | 31 |
| 17 | 13-17 | 17 | 17 |
| 2 | 18 or older | 3 | 2 |
| 6 | Depends **(VOL.)** | 4 | 7 |
| 5 | Never **(VOL.)** | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 2 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Mean | 10 | 10 |

**Q.44 CONTINUED…**

1. Spend time at a public park unsupervised

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| \* | 0-5 | \* | 1 |
| 5 | 6-9 | 6 | 4 |
| 25 | 10-12 | 26 | 24 |
| 47 | 13-17 | 48 | 46 |
| 10 | 18 or older | 10 | 10 |
| 3 | Depends **(VOL.)** | 3 | 4 |
| 9 | Never **(VOL.)** | 6 | 12 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 14 | Mean | 14 | 14 |

**NO QUESTIONS 45 THROUGH 48**

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.49 Now I’d like you to think about where you turn for advice about raising children and parenting. How often, if at all, do you turn to **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS AS FOLLOWS: RANDOMIZE a-c AND d-e BLOCKS; WITHIN a-c BLOCK, ALWAYS ASK b IMMEDIATELY AFTER a; DO NOT RANDOMIZE d AND e]** when you have questions about raising children or parenting –often, sometimes, rarely, or never? How about to **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT ONCE AND THEN AS NECESSARY:** How oftendo you turn to **(ITEM)** when you have questions about raising children or parenting - often, sometimes, rarely, or never?**]**

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (M1=1,2):**

1. Your (spouse/partner)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 57 | Often | 58 | 57 |
| 23 | Sometimes | 23 | 24 |
| 8 | Rarely | 10 | 7 |
| 11 | Never | 10 | 12 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| **(n=1,438)** |  | **(n=787)** | **(n=651)** |

1. (if not married or living with partner: a/if married or living with partner: another) family member

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 27 | Often | 19 | 32 |
| 37 | Sometimes | 36 | 37 |
| 21 | Rarely | 25 | 17 |
| 16 | Never | 19 | 13 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |

1. Your friends

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 15 | Often | 8 | 21 |
| 35 | Sometimes | 33 | 38 |
| 25 | Rarely | 28 | 23 |
| 24 | Never | 31 | 18 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**Q.49 CONTINUED…**

1. Online message boards, listservs, or social media like Facebook

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 4 | Often | 2 | 5 |
| 11 | Sometimes | 6 | 16 |
| 20 | Rarely | 16 | 24 |
| 64 | Never | 75 | 55 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Parenting websites, books or magazines

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 7 | Often | 5 | 9 |
| 27 | Sometimes | 19 | 33 |
| 22 | Rarely | 20 | 23 |
| 44 | Never | 56 | 34 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE NOT WIDOWED (M1=1,2,3,4,6,9):**

Q.50 How often, if at all, do you and your (spouse/partner/child’s other parent/children’s other parent) have disagreements about how to raise your (child/children) – often, sometimes, rarely or never?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 9 | Often | 9 | 10 |
| 30 | Sometimes | 32 | 28 |
| 45 | Rarely | 44 | 45 |
| 15 | Never | 14 | 16 |
| \* | There is no other parent **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| **(n=1,780)** |  | **(n=933)** | **(n=847)** |

**NO QUESTION 51**

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 (CHAGE1=6-17 OR CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5):**

**Q.52 (Thinking about your child who is between ages 6 and 17/Thinking about your children who are between ages 6 and 17…) Which of these comes closest to describing your** (child’s/children’s) **day-to-day schedule? [READ]**

**RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 15 | It’s too hectic with too many things to do | 18 | 13 |
| 11 | He has/she has/he or she has/they have too much free time on his/her/his or her/their hands | 12 | 10 |
| 72 | Thing are just about right | 68 | 76 |
| 1 | It depends on the child **(VOL.)** | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |
| **(n=1,486)** |  | **(n=755)** | **(n=731)** |

**Trend for comparison:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | It’s too hectic with too many things to do | Child has too much free time on their hands | Things are just about right | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *Public Agenda Foundation: Jun 2004*[[9]](#footnote-9) | 16 | 13 | 71 | 1 |

**READ TO ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Thinking again more generally about (your child who is/all of your children who are) under 18…

**NO QUESTION 53**

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.54 I’m going to read a list of things parents worry might happen to their children at some point. Please tell me if you worry that each of these might happen to (your child/any of your children). First, do you worry that (he/she/he or she/any of them) might **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** at some point, or not? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Do you worry that this might happen to (your child/any of your children) at some point, or not?**]**

1. Have problems with drugs or alcohol

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 41 | Yes, worry | 41 | 41 |
| 58 | No, do not worry | 59 | 58 |
| 1 | Depends **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |
| \* | Already a problem **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Get beat up or attacked

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 45 | Yes, worry | 42 | 47 |
| 54 | No, do not worry | 56 | 52 |
| 1 | Depends **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| \* | Already a problem **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Get in trouble with the law

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 27 | Yes, worry | 27 | 27 |
| 72 | No, do not worry | 73 | 72 |
| \* | Depends **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| 0 | Already a problem **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Get shot

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 31 | Yes, worry | 29 | 33 |
| 68 | No, do not worry | 70 | 66 |
| \* | Depends **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| \* | Already a problem **(VOL.)** | 0 | \* |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Get pregnant or get a girl pregnant as a teenager

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 43 | Yes, worry | 45 | 41 |
| 56 | No, do not worry | 53 | 57 |
| 1 | Depends **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |
| \* | Already a problem **(VOL.)** | 0 | \* |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |

**Q.54 CONTINUED…**

1. Be bullied

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 60 | Yes, worry | 55 | 65 |
| 38 | No, do not worry | 43 | 33 |
| 1 | Depends **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | Already a problem **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Struggle with anxiety or depression

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 54 | Yes, worry | 51 | 57 |
| 44 | No, do not worry | 47 | 41 |
| 1 | Depends **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | Already a problem **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Be kidnapped

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 50 | Yes, worry | 44 | 55 |
| 49 | No, do not worry | 56 | 44 |
| \* | Depends **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| 0 | Already a problem **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**NO QUESTIONS 55 AND 56**

**IF RESPONDENT GETS BOTH Q.57 AND Q.58, RANDOMIZE Q.57 AND Q.58**

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 (CHAGE1=0-5 OR CHAGE2=1-5):**

Q.57 How easy or hard do you think it is to find child care for children who are not yet school-age in your community that is both affordable and of high quality - very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat hard or very hard?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 8 | Very easy | 9 | 7 |
| 26 | Somewhat easy | 25 | 26 |
| 33 | Somewhat hard | 36 | 31 |
| 29 | Very hard | 26 | 31 |
| 5 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 3 | 6 |
| **(n=662)** |  | **(n=346)** | **(n=316)** |

**IF RESPONDENT GETS BOTH Q.57 AND Q.58, RANDOMIZE Q.57 AND Q.58**

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 (CHAGE1=6-17 OR CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5):**

Q.58 How easy or hard do you think it is to find after-school activities and programs for school-age children in your community that are both affordable and of high quality - very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat hard or very hard?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 25 | Very easy | 28 | 22 |
| 34 | Somewhat easy | 36 | 31 |
| 25 | Somewhat hard | 25 | 25 |
| 14 | Very hard | 9 | 18 |
| 3 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 2 | 3 |
| **(n=1,486)** |  | **(n=755)** | **(n=731)** |

**NO QUESTIONS 59 THROUGH 61**

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.62 When it comes to parental involvement in a child's education, do you think there is a point where too much can be a bad thing or could you never be too involved as a parent?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 43 | Too much could be a bad thing | 47 | 40 |
| 54 | Could never be too involved | 51 | 58 |
| 3 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 3 | 3 |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 (CHAGE1=6-17 OR CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5):**

Q.63 When it comes to your own involvement in your (child’s/children’s) education, do you sometimes wish you could be doing more or are you satisfied with the way things are?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 46 | Wish could be doing more | 49 | 43 |
| 53 | Satisfied with the way things are | 49 | 55 |
| 1 | Doing too much **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| **(n=1,486)** |  | **(n=755)** | **(n=731)** |

**NO QUESTION 64**

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.65 Please tell me which of the following descriptions are more likely to describe your parenting style. **Are you a parent who [READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]? [IF NEEDED: If you had to pick one of these, which would it be?]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 43 | Sometimes sticks to their guns too much | 50 | 38 |
| 43 | Sometimes gives in too quickly | 35 | 50 |
| 11 | Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)** | 12 | 10 |
| 2 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 3 | 2 |

**Trend for comparison:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Sometimes sticks to their guns too much | Sometimes gives in too quickly | Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)** | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *Public Agenda Foundation:*  *Jul-Aug 2002*[[10]](#footnote-10) | 43 | 37 | 19 | 1 |



|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 33 | Sometimes praises too much | 29 | 36 |
| 44 | Sometimes criticizes too much | 49 | 39 |
| 22 | Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)** | 20 | 23 |
| 2 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 2 |

**Q.65 CONTINUED…**

**Trend for comparison:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Sometimes praises too much | Sometimes criticizes too much | Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)** | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *Public Agenda Foundation: Jul-Aug 2002*[[11]](#footnote-11) | 33 | 31 | 34 | 1 |



|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 62 | Can sometimes be over-protective | 54 | 68 |
| 25 | Can sometimes give too much freedom | 33 | 19 |
| 12 | Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)** | 12 | 12 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |

**Trend for comparison:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Can sometimes be too  over-protective | Can sometimes give too much freedom | Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)** | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *Public Agenda Foundation:*  *Jul-Aug 2002*11 | 58 | 22 | 20 | 1 |

**NO QUESTION 66**

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.67 How closely does each of the following come to your own view? First, **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**. Does this come very close, somewhat close, not too close, or not close at all to your own view? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? Does this come very close, somewhat close, not too close, or not close at all to your own view?

1. As long as they try hard, children should never feel bad about themselves because of poor grades in school

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 41 | Very close | 33 | 47 |
| 34 | Somewhat close | 38 | 32 |
| 15 | Not too close | 17 | 13 |
| 8 | Not close at all | 10 | 6 |
| 2 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 2 | 2 |

1. I would be very disappointed if my child got average grades in school

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 19 | Very close | 22 | 17 |
| 32 | Somewhat close | 33 | 32 |
| 25 | Not too close | 23 | 26 |
| 22 | Not close at all | 21 | 22 |
| 2 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 2 | 3 |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Q.68 Now thinking about some methods of discipline parents might use with their children… Please tell me how often, if at all, you use each method with (your child/any of your children). First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE; NEVER ASK ITEM d FIRST]**. Do you use this method of discipline often, sometimes, rarely or never? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Do you use this method of discipline often, sometimes, rarely or never?**]**

1. Raising your voice or yelling

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 22 | Often | 19 | 24 |
| 46 | Sometimes | 44 | 48 |
| 23 | Rarely | 27 | 20 |
| 9 | Never | 10 | 8 |
| \* | Child is too young/old **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGE 0 to 5 (CHAGE1=0-5 OR CHAGE2=1-5):**

1. Giving a “time out,” that is, making the child take a break from whatever activity they’re involved in

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 41 | Often | 33 | 48 |
| 36 | Sometimes | 42 | 31 |
| 11 | Rarely | 12 | 9 |
| 10 | Never | 9 | 11 |
| 2 | Child is too young/old **(VOL.)** | 3 | 1 |
| 0 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| **(n=662)** |  | **(n=346)** | **(n=316)** |

1. Taking away privileges, such as time with friends or use of TV or other electronic

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 43 | Often | 39 | 47 |
| 36 | Sometimes | 40 | 33 |
| 11 | Rarely | 11 | 11 |
| 7 | Never | 8 | 6 |
| 2 | Child is too young/old **(VOL.)** | 2 | 2 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |

1. Spanking

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 4 | Often | 4 | 4 |
| 13 | Sometimes | 13 | 14 |
| 28 | Rarely | 28 | 27 |
| 53 | Never | 52 | 53 |
| 2 | Child is too young/old **(VOL.)** | 3 | 2 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |

1. Explaining why (his/her/their) behavior is not appropriate

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 75 | Often | 70 | 80 |
| 15 | Sometimes | 18 | 13 |
| 5 | Rarely | 6 | 3 |
| 3 | Never | 4 | 3 |
| 1 | Child is too young/old **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |

**NO QUESTIONS 69 THROUGH 73**

**Questions 74 through 81 were asked to parents of children ages 0 to 5. Questions 86 to 94 were asked to parents of children ages 6 to 17. A random half of the sample of respondents who have children ages 0 to 5 and ages 6 to 17 were asked questions 74 to 81 and the other half were asked questions 86 to 94.**

**Throughout questions 74 to 81, the interviewer was asked to remind the respondents with children in both age groups, as necessary, to think only of their children ages 0 to 5.**

**READ IF PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 AND6-17 [CHAGE2=1-5 AND CHAGE5=1-9]:**

For the next set of questions, please think only about your (child who is/children who are) 5 or younger…

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 (CHAGE1=0-5 OR CHAGE2=1-5):**

Q.74 Thinking about the kinds of activities your (child does/children do), not including in daycare or preschool… In the past 12 months, (has he/has she/has your child/have any of your children) **[INSERT ITEM; DO NOT RANDOMIZE]**, or not? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY**: In the past 12 months, (has your child/have any of your children) **[ITEM]**, not including in daycare or preschool, or not**]**

1. Taken lessons in things like music, dance or art

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 33 | Yes | 33 | 33 |
| 67 | No | 67 | 67 |
| 0 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| **(n=476)** |  | **(n=257)** | **(n=219)** |

1. Participated in any kind of sports or athletic activities

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 40 | Yes | 42 | 40 |
| 58 | No | 56 | 60 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 2 | 1 |
| **(n=476)** |  | **(n=257)** | **(n=219)** |

1. Participated in an organized play group

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 39 | Yes | 41 | 37 |
| 60 | No | 57 | 62 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 2 | 1 |
| **(n=476)** |  | **(n=257)** | **(n=219)** |

**NO QUESTIONS 75 AND 76**

**READ IF PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 AND6-17 [CHAGE2=1-5 AND CHAGE5=1-9]:**

Still thinking only about your (child who is/children who are) 5 or younger…

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 (CHAGE1=0-5 OR CHAGE2=1-5):**

Q.77How often, if ever, do you, yourself, read aloud to your (child/children)? **[READ]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 51 | Everyday | 43 | 58 |
| 31 | A few times a week | 34 | 29 |
| 8 | About once a week | 8 | 8 |
| 5 | A few times a month | 6 | 4 |
| 4 | Less often | 8 | 2 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 0 |
| **(n=476)** |  | **(n=257)** | **(n=219)** |

**NO QUESTION 78**

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 (CHAGE1=0-5 OR CHAGE2=1-5):**

Q.79 On a typical day, (does your child/does your child who is five or younger/do any of your children/do any of your children who are five or younger) spend any time watching videos or playing games on any type of electronic device, such as a TV, computer, tablet or cell phone, or not?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 81 | Yes | 81 | 80 |
| 18 | No | 17 | 19 |
| 1 | Not applicable/Too young to do this **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 0 |
| **(n=476)** |  | **(n=257)** | **(n=219)** |

**ASK IF CHILD WATCHES VIDEOS OR PLAYS GAMES (Q79=1):**

Q.80 Overall, do you think your (child spends/children spend) **[RANDOMIZE:** (too much time) or (about the right amount of time)**]** on these activities?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 32 | Too much time | 34 | 29 |
| 65 | Right amount | 62 | 67 |
| 2 | Too little time **(VOL.)** | 3 | 2 |
| 1 | It depends **(VOL.)** | \* | 2 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | 1 |
| **(n=393)** |  | **(n=213)** | **(n=180)** |

**READ IF PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 AND6-17 [CHAGE2=1-5 AND CHAGE5=1-9] AND CHILD ATTENDS DAYCARE OR PRESCHOOL (Q42=2 OR Q43=1):**

And still thinking about your (child who is/children who are) 5 or younger…

**ASK IF CHILD AGES 0 TO 5 ATTENDS DAYCARE OR PRESCHOOL (Q42=2 OR Q43=1):**

Q.81 In the past 12 months have you, yourself, done any of the following things? First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT IF NECESSARY**: In the past 12 months, have you done this?**]**

1. Talked to a teacher or caregiver at daycare or preschool about (your child’s/any of yourchildren’s) development

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 89 | Yes | 87 | 90 |
| 11 | No | 13 | 10 |
| 0 | Not applicable **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| **(n=229)** |  | **(n=122)** | **(n=107)** |

1. Attended a parent meeting or other special meeting at (yourchild’s/any of yourchildren’s) daycare or preschool

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 69 | Yes | 66 | 72 |
| 30 | No | 34 | 27 |
| 1 | Not applicable **(VOL.)** | 0 | 2 |
| 0 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| **(n=229)** |  | **(n=122)** | **(n=107)** |

1. Helped out with special projects, activities or a class trip at (your child’s/any of yourchildren’s) daycare or preschool

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 50 | Yes | 49 | 50 |
| 49 | No | 50 | 48 |
| 1 | Not applicable **(VOL.)** | 1 | 2 |
| 0 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| **(n=229)** |  | **(n=122)** | **(n=107)** |

**NO QUESTIONS 82 THROUGH 85**

**Questions 86 to 94 were asked to parents of children ages 6 to 17. A random half of the sample of respondents who have children ages 0 to 5 and ages 6 to 17 were asked questions 74 to 81 and the other half were asked questions 86 to 94.**

**Throughout questions 86 to 94, the interviewer was asked to remind the respondents with children in both age groups, as necessary, to think only of their children ages 6 to 17.**

**READ IF PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 AND6-17 [CHAGE2=1-5,9 AND (CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5)]:**

Now for the next set of questions I want you to think only about your (child who is/children who are) between ages 6 and 17…

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 (CHAGE1=6-17 OR CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5):**

Q.86 Thinking about the kinds of activities your (child does/children do)when (he’s/she’s/your child’s/they’re)not in school – that is, after school and on weekends… In the past 12 months, (has your child/have any of your children) **[INSERT ITEM; DO NOT RANDOMIZE]** after school or on weekends, or not? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY**: In the past 12 months (has your child/have any of your children) **[ITEM]** after school or on weekends, or not**]**

1. Taken lessons in things like music, dance or art

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 54 | Yes | 58 | 51 |
| 46 | No | 41 | 49 |
| 0 | Child is too young **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

1. Participated in any kind of sports or athletic activities

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 73 | Yes | 73 | 72 |
| 27 | No | 26 | 28 |
| \* | Child is too young **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

1. Participated in religious instruction or a church youth group

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 60 | Yes | 60 | 60 |
| 40 | No | 40 | 40 |
| 0 | Child is too young **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

**Q.86 CONTINUED…**

1. Participated in an organization like the scouts

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 23 | Yes | 22 | 23 |
| 77 | No | 77 | 77 |
| \* | Child is too young **(VOL.)** | 0 | \* |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

1. Received regular tutoring or extra academic preparation

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 36 | Yes | 37 | 35 |
| 64 | No | 62 | 65 |
| 0 | Child is too young **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

1. Done volunteer work

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 53 | Yes | 51 | 54 |
| 47 | No | 49 | 45 |
| \* | Child is too young **(VOL.)** | \* | \* |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 13 TO 17:**

1. Had a part-time job

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 36 | Yes | 36 | 35 |
| 63 | No | 62 | 63 |
| 1 | Child is too young **(VOL.)** | 2 | 1 |
| 0 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| **(n=812)** |  | **(n=421)** | **(n=391)** |

**Q.86 CONTINUED…**

**Trend for comparison:[[12]](#footnote-12)**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | DK  **(VOL.)** |
| a. Taken lessons in things like music, dance or art |  |  |  |
| *Public Agenda Foundation: Jun 2004* | 38 | 62 | - |
|  |  |  |  |
| b. Participated in any kind of sports or athletic activities[[13]](#footnote-13) |  |  |  |
| *Public Agenda Foundation: Jun 2004* | 64 | 36 | - |
|  |  |  |  |
| *c.* Participated in religious instruction or a church youth group |  |  |  |
| *Public Agenda Foundation: Jun 2004* | 57 | 43 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |
| d. Participated in an organization like the scouts |  |  |  |
| *Public Agenda Foundation: Jun 2004* | 24 | 77 | - |
|  |  |  |  |
| e. Received regular tutoring or extra academic preparation |  |  |  |
| *Public Agenda Foundation: Jun 2004* | 24 | 76 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |
| f*.* Done volunteer work |  |  |  |
| *Public Agenda Foundation: Jun 2004* | 36 | 65 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |
| g. had a part-time job |  |  |  |
| *Public Agenda Foundation: Jun 2004* | 46 | 54 | - |

**NO QUESTIONS 87 THROUGH 89**

**ASK IF CHILD AGES 6 TO 17 PARTICIPATES IN SPORTS OR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES (Q86B=1):**

Q.90 In the past 12 months, have you helped coach a sport or athletic activity (your child has been/any ofyour children have been) involved in?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 31 | Yes | 37 | 27 |
| 68 | No | 63 | 73 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| **(n=1,000)** |  | **(n=511)** | **(n=489)** |

**NO QUESTION 91**

**READ IF PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 AND6-17 [CHAGE2=1-5,9 AND (CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5)]:**

Still thinking only about your (child who is/children who are) between ages 6 and 17…

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 (CHAGE1=6-17 OR CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5):**

Q.92 On a typical day, (does your child/do any of your children) **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, or not. And, on a typical day, (does your child/do any of your children) **[NEXT ITEM]**, or not?

1. Watch any kind of video including TV, movies or short clips on any type of device

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 90 | Yes | 91 | 90 |
| 9 | No | 8 | 9 |
| 1 | It depends **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | Not applicable/Too young to do this **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 0 |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

1. Play games on any type of electronic device

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 79 | Yes | 82 | 76 |
| 20 | No | 17 | 23 |
| 1 | It depends **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | Not applicable/Too young to do this **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 0 |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

**ASK IF CHILD WATCHES VIDEOS OR PLAYS GAMES (Q92a=1 OR Q92b=1):**

Q.93 Overall, do you think (your child spends/your children spend) **[RANDOMIZE:** (too much time) or (about the right amount of time)**]** on these activities?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 47 | Too much time | 49 | 45 |
| 50 | Right amount | 47 | 53 |
| 1 | Too little time **(VOL.)** | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | It depends **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |
| **(n=1,247)** |  | **(n=638)** | **(n=609)** |

**READ IF PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 AND6-17 [CHAGE2=1-5,9 AND (CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5)]:**

And still thinking about your (child who is/children who are) between ages 6 and 17…

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 (CHAGE1=6-17 OR CHAGE3=1-5 OR CHAGE4=1-5):**

Q.94 In the past 12 months have you, yourself, done any of the following things? First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT IF NECESSARY**: In the past 12 months, have you, yourself, done this?**]**

1. Talked to a teacher about (your child’s/any of your children’s) progress in school

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 85 | Yes | 78 | 90 |
| 15 | No | 22 | 10 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | \* |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

1. Attended a PTA, or Parent Teacher Association, meeting or other special school meeting

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 64 | Yes | 61 | 67 |
| 36 | No | 39 | 33 |
| 0 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | 0 |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

1. Helped out with special projects, activities or a class trip at school

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 60 | Yes | 57 | 63 |
| 39 | No | 43 | 36 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 0 | \* |
| **(n=1,312)** |  | **(n=666)** | **(n=646)** |

**Trend for comparison:**[[14]](#footnote-14)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1. Talked to a teacher about child’s/any children’s progress in school |  |  |  |
| *PSRA/National Commission on Children:*  *Sept-Nov 1990* | 83 | 17 | - |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1. Attended a PTA, or Parent Teacher Association, meeting or other special school meeting |  |  |  |
| *PSRA/National Commission on Children:*  *Sept-Nov 1990* | 70 | 30 | - |

**READ TO ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**

Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE NOT MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER OR WIDOWED (M1=3,4,6,9):**

M.3 How involved would you say your (child’s/children’s) other parent is in (his/her/their) life? **[READ]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 62 | Very/Somewhat involved **(NET)** | 77 | 53 |
| 43 | Very involved | 62 | 32 |
| 19 | Somewhat involved | 16 | 21 |
| 34 | Not too/not at all involved **(NET)** | 19 | 43 |
| 15 | Not too involved | 10 | 18 |
| 19 | Not at all involved | 9 | 24 |
| 2 | It depends **(VOL.)** | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 2 | 2 |
| **(n=342)** |  | **(n=146)** | **(n=196)** |

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (M1=1,2) AND ONLY ONE CHILD (P1A=1):**

FAM3a Is your (spouse/partner) the parent of your child under 18, or not? **IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT SPOUSE/PARTNER IS A STEPPARENT, MARK 2 ‘NO’**

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (M1=1,2) AND TWO CHILDREN (P1A=2):**

FAM3b Is your (spouse/partner) the parent of both of your children under 18, one of your children, or neither of your children? **IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT SPOUSE/PARTNER IS A STEPPARENT, SAY THAT FOR THIS QUESTION WE ARE NOT COUNTING STEPPARENTS AS PARENTS**

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (M1=1,2) AND THREE OR MORE CHILDREN (P1A=3-99):**

FAM3c Is your (spouse/partner) the parent of all of your children under 18, some of your children, or none of your children? **IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT SPOUSE/PARTNER IS A STEPPARENT, SAY THAT FOR THIS QUESTION WE ARE NOT COUNTING STEPPARENTS AS PARENTS**

**FAM3a/FAM3b/FAM3c COMBO TABLE**

**BASED ON PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 81 | All | 79 | 83 |
| 6 | Some | 7 | 6 |
| 12 | None | 13 | 12 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 0 |
| **(n=1,438)** |  | **(n=787)** | **(n=651)** |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER AND BOTH EMPLOYED [(M1=1,2 AND (E3=1,2 AND E5=1,2)]:**

Q.95 Now thinking about you and your **(**spouse/partner)… **Overall, who would you say is more focused on their job or career? [READ; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 24 | You | 32 | 15 |
| 21 | Your spouse/partner | 10 | 33 |
| 55 | Both about equally | 58 | 51 |
| \* | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | \* | 1 |
| **(n=912)** |  | **(n=508)** | **(n=404)** |

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER AND BOTH EMPLOYED [(M1=1,2 AND (E3=1,2 AND E5=1,2)]:**

Q.96 Which of the following applies to your household income**? [READ; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total |  | Fathers | Mothers |
| 39 | You earn more than your spouse/partner | 60 | 17 |
| 36 | Your spouse/partner earns more than you | 17 | 55 |
| 24 | You and your spouse/partner earn about the same | 21 | 27 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | 1 |
| **(n=912)** |  | **(n=508)** | **(n=404)** |

**Trend for comparison:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | You earn more than you spouse/partner | Your spouse/  partner earns more than you | You and your spouse/partner earn about the same | DK/Ref.  **(VOL.)** |
| *Gallup/USA Today: Dec 2008[[15]](#footnote-15)* | 41 | 28 | 31 | \* |

1. The 1990 survey was based on adult parents who live with their children. The question read, “In general, how do you feel about your time? Would you say that you almost always feel rushed even to do the things you have to do, only sometimes feel rushed, or almost never feel rushed?” The share who said they “almost always feel rushed” is reported in the “Always” column in the table above. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. In the 1995 and 1996 surveys, the question read, “Overall how would you rate the job you do as (child’s name)’s parent? Do you think you do a very good job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The 1990 survey was based on adult parents who live with their children. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The 2013 survey asked the question as part of a two-item battery with “be a good parent” and “advance in your job or career” and read, “Thinking about your job or career, do you think that being a working (father/mother) makes it harder or easier for you to advance in your job or career”. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Individuals could give multiple responses. As a result, the sum of each column may exceed 100%. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. This question was added on September 16, 2015. As a result, 25 parents who said their child goes home did not receive the question. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Individuals could give multiple responses. As a result, the sum of each column may exceed 100%. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Care by family member includes responses that the respondent or spouse cares for the children by working alternative schedules or working from home. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. The 2004 survey was based on adult parents of children in grades K-12. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. The 2002 survey was based on adult parents of children ages 5-17 living with them. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. The 2002 survey was based on adult parents of children ages 5-17 living with them. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. The 2004 survey is based on adult parents of children in grades K-12 and asked about the respondent’s oldest child. Because the 2004 survey was conducted at the end of the school year, respondents were instructed to “think about the current school year from September 2003 through June 2004,” while the current survey, conducted at the start of the school year, asked about “the past 12 months.” [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. In 2004, this item asked about participation in “any kind of sports activities.” [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. In the 1990 survey this question was asked of adult parents who live with their school-age children and it was worded, “In the past year.” [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. In the 2008 survey, the question read, “Which of the following applies to your household income—you earn more than you spouse/partner, you and your spouse/partner earn about the same, or your spouse/partner earns more than you?” [↑](#footnote-ref-15)