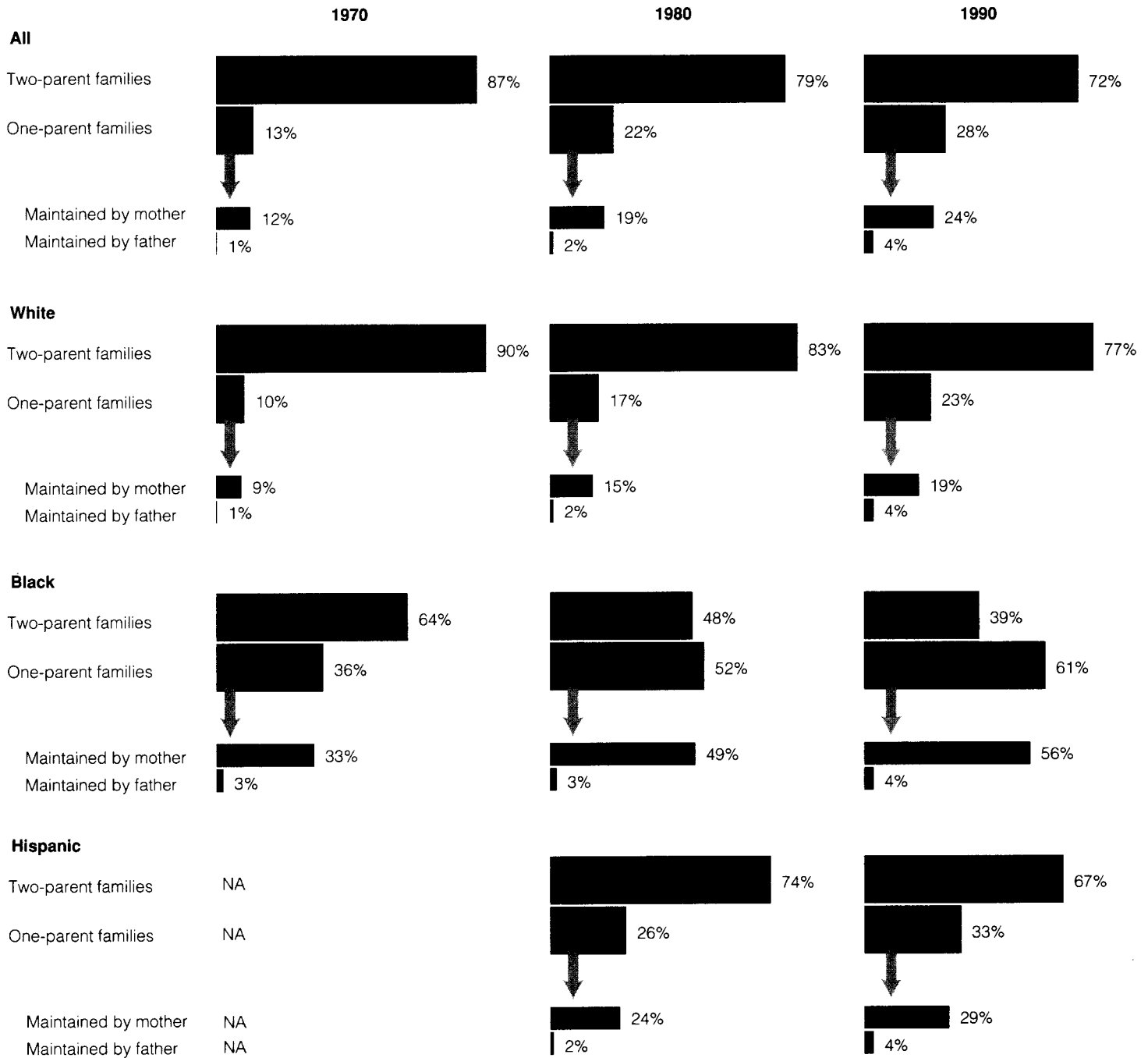


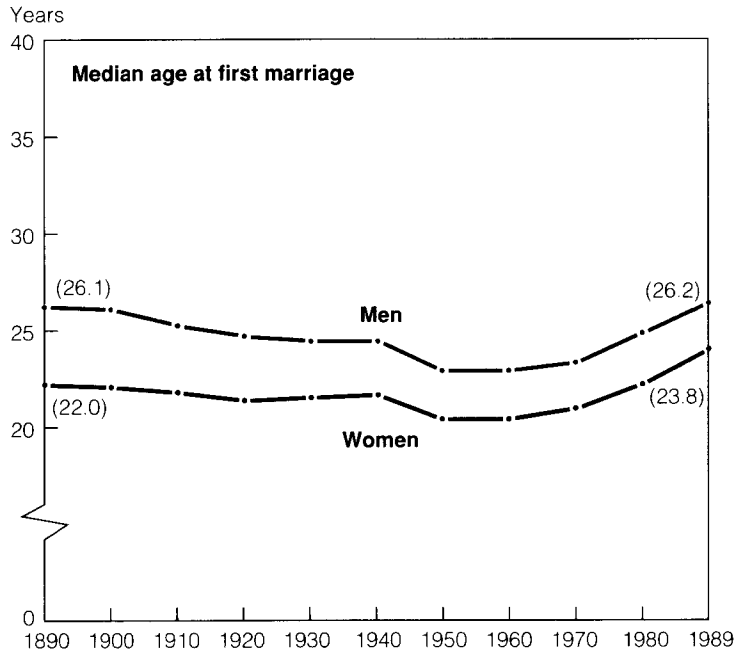
# FAMILY DEMOGRAPHICS

The past two decades have witnessed an unprecedented deterioration of the two-parent family across all groups, but it has been most striking among blacks. This erosion has coincided with sharp increases across groups in the incidence of female-headed families.



Note: NA=Not available. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.  
 Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

In recent decades, the number of married-couple families with any children and the number of large families have declined. Men and women have been entering first marriages later in life, and many more women have entered the paid work force.

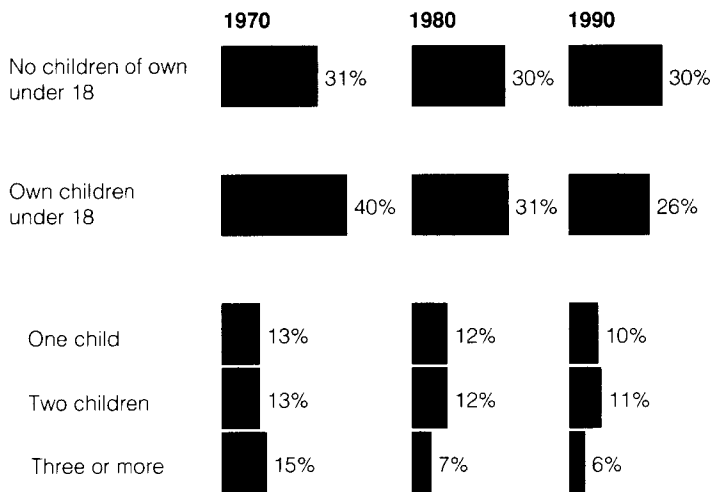


Median age at first marriage

	Men	Women
1890	26.1	22.0
1900	25.9	21.9
1910	25.1	21.6
1920	24.6	21.2
1930	24.3	21.3
1940	24.3	21.5
1950	22.8	20.3
1960	22.8	20.3
1970	23.2	20.8
1980	24.7	22.0
1989	26.2	23.8

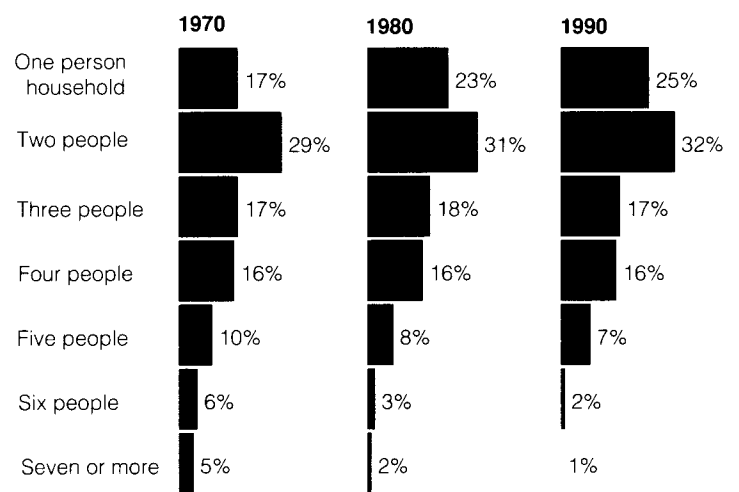
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### Married-couple families with ...



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

### Household size



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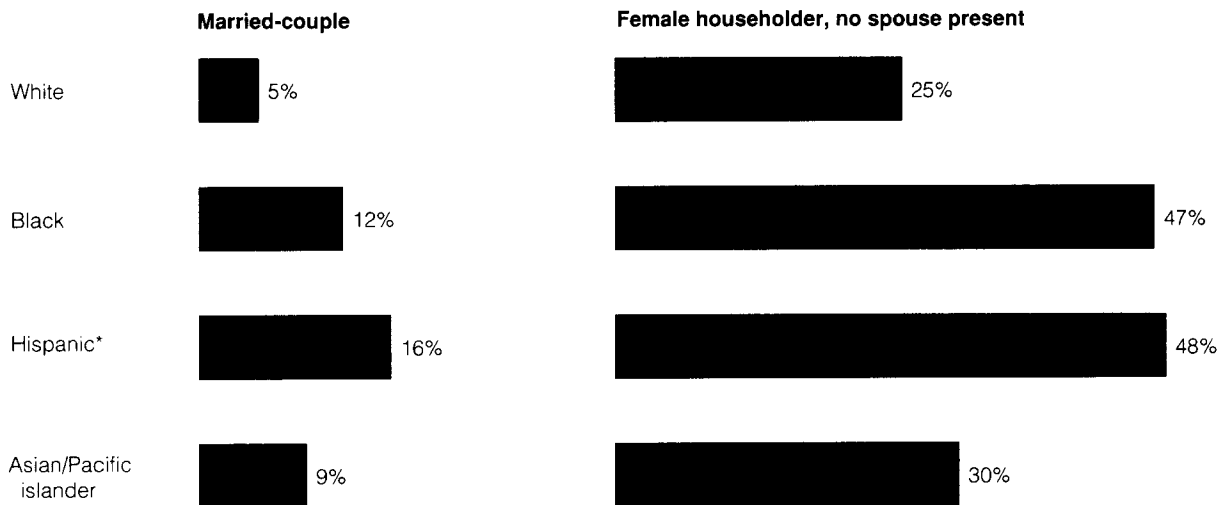
The link between family status and poverty is illustrated by the data below. Incomes of female-headed families lag far behind those of married-couple families, especially among blacks and Hispanics. The incidence of poverty among female-headed families is many times higher than among married-couple families, across all groups.

### Median Income of Families, 1989

	Married-couple families	Female householder, no husband present
All	\$38,547	\$16,442
White	39,208	18,946
Black	30,650	11,630
Hispanic*	27,382	11,745

**Note:** \* Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.  
**Source:** U.S. Bureau of the Census.

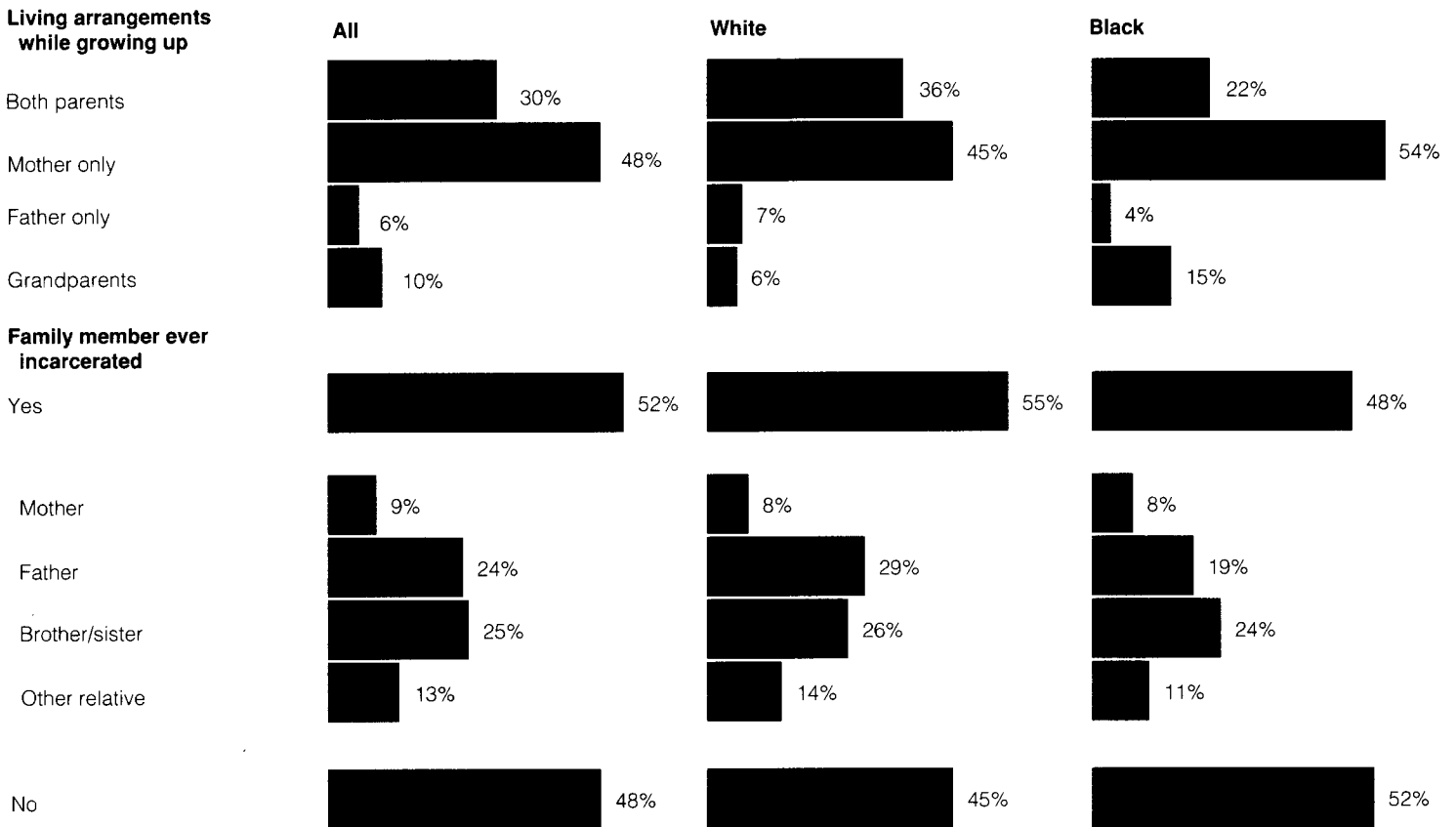
### Families below poverty level, 1989



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**Source:** U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The deterioration of two-parent families also has implications for crime. The data below show that only 22% of young blacks and 36% of young whites incarcerated in long-term juvenile facilities grew up in a household with both of their parents.

### Youthful offenders, 1987



Source: U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics.

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**Coming in the May/June issue... The Demographics of Marriage**

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