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Introduction

Throughout the United States, the likelihood of children living in single-parent families has increased dramatically over the past 20 years. Nebraska is no exception. In 1970, just 7.6 percent of Nebraska's children under age 18 lived in these families. This increased to 12.1 percent by 1980 and to 15.8 percent by 1990. Thus the percent of children living in single-parent families in the state more than doubled over the last twenty years (Table 1).

As evident in Figures 1,2, and 3, this trend has been pervasive throughout the state. In 1970, no county had more than 11.7 percent of its children living in single-parent families and 81 of Nebraska's 93 counties had less than 7 percent. By 1990, 14 counties had more than 14 percent of their children living in single-parent families.

The actual number of children living in single parent families has increased from 38,402 in 1970 to 67,814 in 1990. During the previous decade the total number had actually fallen by more than 13,740 children.

In contrast, the percent of children living in married-couple families

declined from 88.3 percent in 1970 to 79.3 percent in 1990. This is quite similar to the nation where just over 70 percent of all children lived in married-couple households in 1990. In Nebraska, the number of children in these families decreased by 17.2 percent between 1970 and 1980 and 8.3 percent during the last decade.

Not an Urban Phenomena

There is a perception that family life is more stable in the rural areas of Nebraska. However, the data for 1990 indicates that two of the counties with more than one-fifth of their children in single, parent families were nonmetropolitan—Scottsbluff and Thurston.¹ Both of these counties are quite removed from the state's major urban center. on the other hand, Douglas County, the state's most urban county ranked first in the state on percent of children in single-parent families in 1970 and 1980. In 1990 it ranked second behind Thurston County which had 29.9 percent of its children living in single-parent families. Between 1970 and 1990 56 counties had over a 50 percent increase in the number of children in single parent families.

Lancaster county was the only metropolitan county in this group.

It is true that percent changes are biased by an area's population size so that it is easier for smaller counties to experience greater percentage increases. Thus, the number of children in single-parent families in Douglas County increased by just 3.6 percent between 1980 and 1990, in part because this county has more children with this living arrangement than any other county in the state. However, the increase in the number of children in single-parent families outside of Douglas county has been so great that, while that county accounted for 61 percent of all Nebraska children living in single-parent families in 1980, it accounted for only 45 percent in 1990. This decline is another indicator of just how widespread this family arrangement has become in other areas of the state.

Understating Experience with Family Instability

It is important to note that census data and national surveys that track trends between censuses understate the actual experience of children with

¹A metropolitan county is one which has an urbanized areas (i.e., a central city and its surrounding area) of at least 50,000. In descending order of population size, Nebraska's metropolitan counties are, Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Dakota and Washington. All other counties are nonmetropolitan.



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In addition, census data do not provide any information on the duration of experience with this family arrangement. Single parenthood is usually viewed as a transitory experience with the parent eventually remarrying (or in the case of an unwed mother marrying for the first time). However, transitory should not be equated with brief. Research indicates that, on average, at least 5 years elapses between separation and remarriage, and that having children, especially

Little attention is given to these other living arrangements, particularly regarding how children fare in them and their relationship to family instability in general. However, the number of children living with other relatives and nonrelatives grew by 1,938 between 1980 and 1990.

One of the most persistent characteristics of single-parent families is that they are headed by a mother, accounting for two-thirds of these households in Nebraska. The percentage of children in father-only families did grow much more rapidly than the percentage in mother-only families between 1980 and 1990 in Nebraska—by 55.9 compared to 20.9. However, this disparity occurred because the number of children in father-only families is comparatively small. During that time, the number of children in mother-only families increased by 9,812, an increase that was nearly twice as large as the increase in father only families which grew by 3,928.

less than 5%

5.0 - 10%

10.1 - 14.9%

15.0 - 19.9%

20.0 + %

Average for Nebraska: 7.6%

*In addition to living as a child in a married-couple or single parent-family, with a relative or nonrelative, children under 18 may also be classified as living as the household head or spouse in an independent household or group quarters. Less than 1 percent of Nebraska's children under 18 lived in these later two arrangements in 1990.

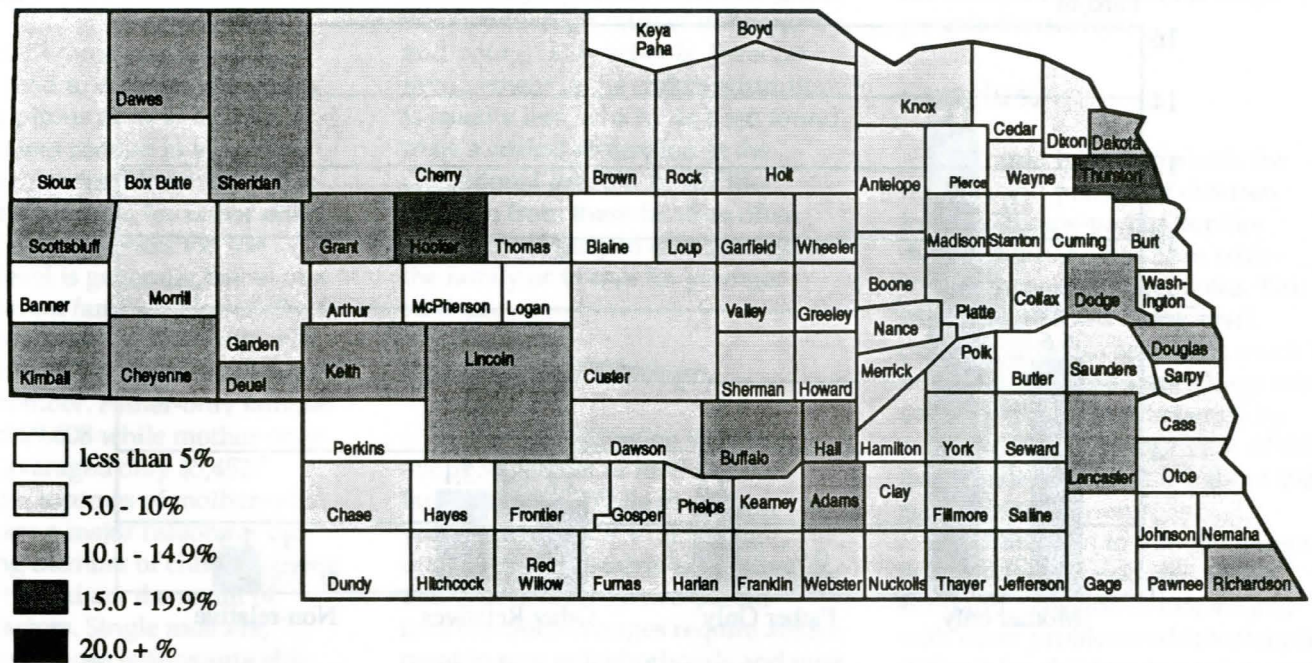


Figure 2. Percent of Children in Single Parent Families: 1980

Average for Nebraska: 10.2%

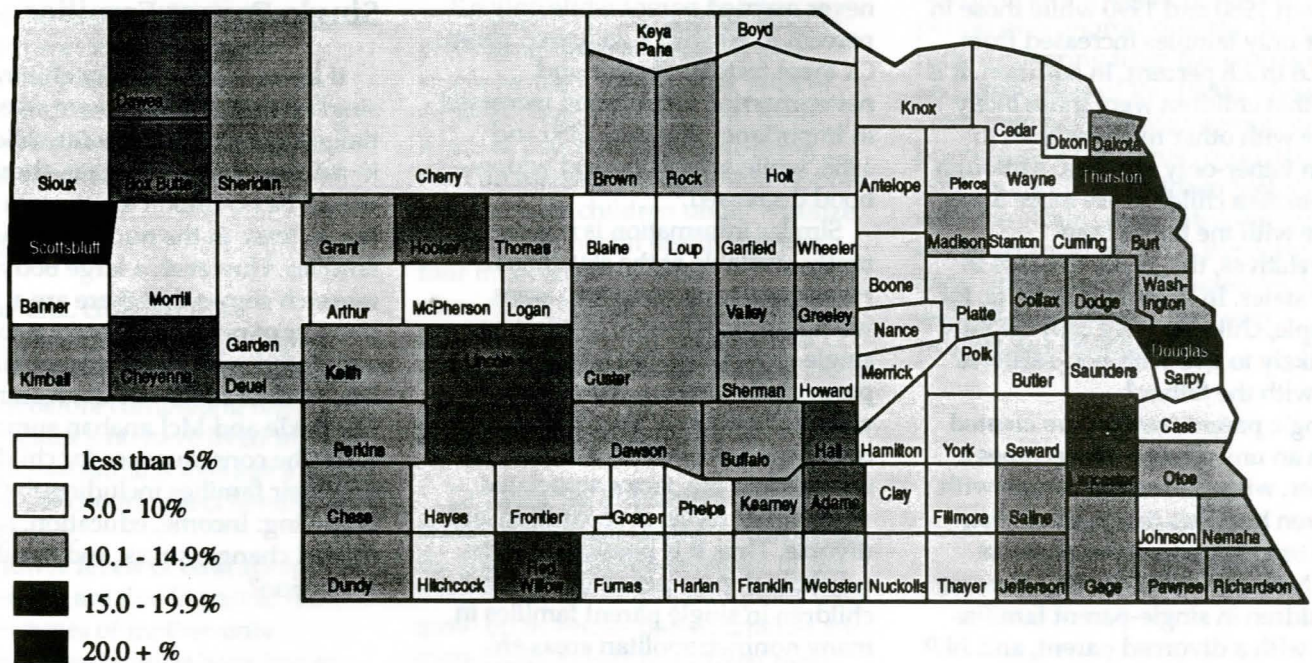


Figure 3. Percent of Children in Single Parent Families: 1990

Average for Nebraska: 15.4%

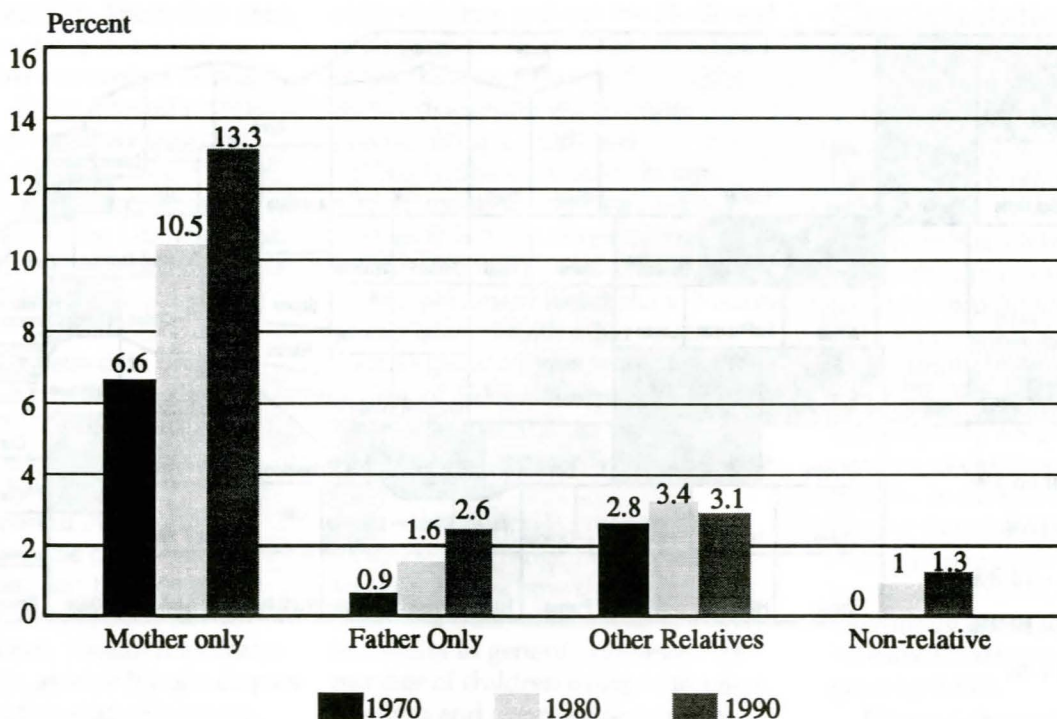


Figure 4. Percent of Nebraska Children living in each family form.
1970 data for non-relatives unavailable

increased from 10.5 to 13.3 percent between 1980 and 1990 while those in father-only families increased from just 1.6 to 2.6 percent. In addition, it is clear that children were more likely to live with other relatives than to live in father-only families. Although in Nebraska children are more likely to live with the father than non-relatives, this is not the case in other states. In Washington State, for example, children were only slightly less likely to live with non-relatives than with the father.⁵

Single parent families are created when an unwed woman becomes a mother, when a married couple with children becomes divorced or separated or when one of the partners dies. Nationally in 1988, 38.3 percent of children in single-parent families lived with a divorced parent, and 24.9 percent lived with a parent who was separated but not divorced. An

additional 30.5 percent lived with a never married parent while only 6.3 percent lived with a widowed parent. Of these factors, divorce and never-married parenthood increased in importance between 1960 and 1988, while separation and widowhood decreased.⁶

Similar information is not currently available at the state level. However, many nonmetro areas where the increases in children in single-parent families have been particularly striking experienced an extended period of economic stagnation during the last decade. Economic insecurity is one factor associated with higher levels of separation and divorce. Thus it is possible that the substantial increases in the percent of children in single parent families in many nonmetropolitan areas are associated with the persistent economic problems of those areas.

Consequences of Living in Single Parent Families

If living conditions for children in single-parent families were essentially similar with those for children in married-couple families, there would be no reason for concern over the increase in the number of these families. However, a large body of research shows that there are a number of negative consequences associated with single-parent families. In their review of the research, Garfinkle and McLanahan summarized the consequences for children and their families including the following: Income, education, residential change, stress, and family formation?

⁵"The Increasing Prevalence of Children in Single-Parent Families in Washington: 1970-1990," Cooperative Extension Publication Washington State University; Number 4, February 7, 1992, Annabel Kirschner Cook, p.4. Why the Increase?

⁶Figure 18, "Changes in American Family Life," *Current Population Reports*, P-23, No. 163; August, 1989 (Bureau of the Census).

Income

After a divorce, mother-only families tend to experience a sharp and precipitous drop in income, and their incomes remain low until the mother remarries. However, this is not usually the case for father only families, although here too the income level is generally below that of two-parent families. Nationally, in 1990 two-parent families with children under 18 averaged \$11,478 per family member. Father-only families averaged \$9,608 while mother-only families averaged only \$5,452.⁷

The low incomes of mother-only families are a major reason for the increasing member of children living in poverty, and are the result of several factors. Single mothers, particularly those with young children, are less likely to work out of the home than men, and when they do, they earn substantially less. Many mother-only families receive no child support, or only part of what was awarded, and award amounts do not begin to make up for the lost income of the father. In addition, government transfer payments (AFDC, rent subsidies and food stamps) to mother-only families are relatively meager and are reduced when women receive child support or enter the paid labor force.

Education

In general, children from single-parent families do not do as well in school and are more likely to drop out before completing high school. Males who have lived in single-parent families average a full year less of schooling and females a half year less.

The lower levels of educational achievement are due in part to the lower incomes of mother-only families. These families have less to invest in extracurricular activities, summer camps and travel and are

more likely to live in unsafe neighborhoods with high rates of delinquency and poor quality schools. Parental involvement in the child's education is usually less, which has been found to be a critical dimension at the educational process. In addition, children from these families often leave school early to earn money for the family or to care for younger siblings.

Residential Change

In the year following a divorce about 38 percent of mother-only families move. While in subsequent years, the rate falls to 20 percent, this is still about one-third higher than that experienced by two-parent families. Such changes require adjustment to new neighborhoods and new schools for the children and likely mean the turnover of friends and social support networks.

Stress

Given the many transitions involved in the shift from two-parent to a one-parent family, it is not surprising that studies have shown that single mothers have higher rates of depression and anxiety, and lower levels of psychological well-being than do married parents. Mother-only families with children under 6 utilize community mental health services four times as often as do married-couple families with young children. Those with children 6 to 17 use these services twice as often.

Family Formation

Growing up in a single-parent family can have a lasting influence on the family formation behavior of the children. For example, daughters who grow up in single-parent families are more likely to become unwed mothers, to marry and have children early and more likely to divorce. Thus, they

are more likely to become single parents themselves.

Conclusion

The rapid increase in both the number and percent of children living in Single-parent families during the 1980s has been widespread throughout Nebraska. This trend has affected many small outlying counties as least as much if not more, than the state's large urban counties. Both the substantial increase and the pervasiveness of this living arrangement throughout the state are troublesome.

The transition to a single-parent family often is associated with a substantial decline in income and with other problems which make it difficult for children to perform well in school, put an added burden on community services and often perpetuate single parenthood. At the same time, many of Nebraska's counties which have experienced dramatic increases in the percent of children living in single-parent families have undergone a long period of economic distress, never fully recovering from the recession and farm crisis of the 1980s. These areas may have limited resources to provide assistance that could help parents and their children better cope with the strains associated with this living arrangement and the current fiscal limitations of the agencies and units of government may only worsen this situation.

⁷Table 18, "Money Income of Households, Families and Persons in the United States: 1990," *Current Population Reports*, P-60 #174; August 1991 (Bureau of the Census).

Table 1: Living Arrangements for Children under 18: 1970, 1980 and 1990

| | Nebraska | Adams | Antelope | Arthur | Banner | Blaine | Boone | Box Butte | Boyd |
|---------------------------|----------|-------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1970 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 507,491 | 9,357 | 3,105 | 220 | 381 | 274 | 3,019 | 3,500 | 1,258 |
| Householder or spouse | 1,222 | 21 | 5 | - | - | - | 5 | 10 | 1 |
| Own child: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 448,082 | 8,383 | 2,902 | 201 | 350 | 257 | 2,839 | 3,057 | 1,184 |
| All Single Parent | 38,402 | 648 | 117 | 7 | 13 | 6 | 125 | 269 | 39 |
| Mother Only | 33,719 | 574 | 108 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 95 | 228 | 25 |
| Father Only | 4,683 | 74 | 9 | - | 10 | - | 30 | 41 | 14 |
| Other Relative | 14,297 | 240 | 63 | 10 | 16 | 10 | 45 | 154 | 28 |
| Not Related to Head | | | | | | | | | |
| & In Group Quarters | 5,488 | 65 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 6 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 447,170 | 7,825 | 2,583 | 136 | 269 | 270 | 2,179 | 4,068 | 807 |
| Householder or Spouse | 971 | 13 | 3 | - | - | 1 | 4 | 18 | - |
| Own Children: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 371,075 | 6,573 | 2,358 | 124 | 258 | 255 | 2,020 | 3,478 | 737 |
| All Single Parent | 54,074 | 930 | 143 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 114 | 338 | 44 |
| Mother Only | 47,045 | 811 | 108 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 95 | 295 | 36 |
| Father Only | 7,029 | 119 | 35 | 3 | 3 | - | 19 | 43 | 8 |
| Other Relative | 14,983 | 191 | 66 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 33 | 191 | 21 |
| Nonrelative | 4,245 | 90 | 12 | - | - | 2 | 8 | 43 | 5 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | | | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | 1,822 | 28 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 429,012 | 7,368 | 2,436 | 119 | 253 | 188 | 1,945 | 4,248 | 767 |
| Householder or Spouse | 392 | 3 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 5 | - |
| Own Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 340,104 | 5,921 | 2,150 | 105 | 231 | 166 | 1,787 | 3,425 | 676 |
| Single Parent | 67,814 | 1,166 | 237 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 121 | 675 | 61 |
| Mother Only | 56,857 | 964 | 183 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 97 | 499 | 48 |
| Father Only | 10,957 | 242 | 54 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 176 | 13 |
| Other Relative | 13,368 | 151 | 42 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 22 | 97 | 19 |
| Nonrelative | 5,568 | 100 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 44 | 11 |
| In Group Quarters | 1,766 | 27 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 88.3 | 89.6 | 93.5 | 91.4 | 91.9 | 93.8 | 94.0 | 87.3 | 94.1 |
| 1980 | 83.0 | 84.0 | 91.3 | 91.2 | 96.0 | 94.4 | 92.7 | 85.5 | 91.3 |
| 1990 | 79.3 | 80.4 | 88.3 | 88.2 | 91.3 | 88.3 | 91.9 | 80.6 | 88.1 |
| All Single Parent | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 7.7 | 3.1 |
| 1980 | 12.1 | 11.9 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 5.2 | 8.3 | 5.5 |
| 1990 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 9.7 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 6.2 | 15.9 | 8.0 |
| Mother Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 3.5 | 3.2 | .8 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 6.5 | 2.0 |
| 1980 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 4.2 | 2.9 | .7 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 7.3 | 4.5 |
| 1990 | 13.3 | 13.1 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 5.0 | 11.7 | 6.3 |
| Father Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | .9 | .8 | .3 | - | 2.6 | - | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| 1980 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 1.1 | - | .9 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| 1990 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.2 | - | .4 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 4.1 | 1.7 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -11.9 | -16.4 | -16.8 | -38.2 | -29.4 | -1.5 | -27.8 | 16.2 | -35.9 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -17.2 | -21.6 | -18.7 | -38.3 | -26.3 | -.78 | -28.8 | 13.8 | -37.8 |
| All Single Parent | 40.8 | 43.5 | 22.2 | - | -61.5 | 50.0 | -8.8 | 25.7 | 12.8 |
| Mother Only | 39.5 | 41.3 | - | -42.9 | -33.3 | 50.0 | - | 29.4 | 44.0 |
| Father Only | 50.1 | 60.8 | 289 | - | -70.0 | - | -36.7 | 4.9 | -42.9 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -4.1 | -5.8 | -5.7 | -12.5 | -5.9 | -30.4 | -10.7 | 4.4 | -5.0 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -8.3 | -9.9 | -8.8 | -15.3 | -10.5 | -34.9 | -11.5 | -1.5 | -8.3 |
| All Single Parent | 25.4 | 25.4 | 65.7 | - | 140 | -22.2 | 6.1 | 99.7 | 386 |
| Mother Only | 20.9 | 18.9 | 69.4 | 75.0 | 450 | -44.4 | 2.1 | 69.2 | 33.3 |
| Father Only | 55.9 | 69.7 | 54.3 | -100 | -66.7 | - | 26.3 | 309.0 | 62.5 |

Sources: 1970 Census of Population: Table 22, Table 37 from General Population Characteristics; 1980 Census of Population. Table 21, 48 from General Population & Housing: STFIA. Note - : unlimited.

Table 1: Living Arrangements for Children under 18: 1970, 1980 and 1990

| | Brown | Buffalo | Burt | Butler | Cass | Cedar | Chase | Cherry | Cheyenne |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----------|
| 1970 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 1,351 | 9,397 | 2,920 | 3,180 | 6,277 | 5,011 | 1,359 | 2,363 | 3,892 |
| Householder or spouse | 5 | 36 | 12 | 5 | 21 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
| Own child: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,214 | 8,236 | 2,630 | 2,998 | 5,697 | 4,758 | 1,256 | 2,105 | 3,398 |
| All Single Parent | 68 | 582 | 141 | 117 | 305 | 185 | 59 | 162 | 349 |
| Mother Only | 55 | 498 | 121 | 94 | 251 | 152 | 40 | 117 | 330 |
| Father Only | 13 | 84 | 20 | 23 | 54 | 33 | 19 | 45 | 19 |
| Other Relative | 54 | 224 | 124 | 53 | 209 | 49 | 24 | 74 | 120 |
| Not Related to Head | | | | | | | | | |
| & In Group Quaters | 10 | 319 | 13 | 7 | 45 | 13 | 15 | 14 | 16 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 1,248 | 9,133 | 2,312 | 2,635 | 6,154 | 3,705 | 1,459 | 1,905 | 2,769 |
| Householder or Spouse | 6 | 20 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| Own Children: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,099 | 7,656 | 2,031 | 2,462 | 5,374 | 3,449 | 1,301 | 1,670 | 2,291 |
| All Single Parent | 116 | 932 | 165 | 125 | 530 | 179 | 96 | 145 | 312 |
| Mother Only | 88 | 813 | 125 | 106 | 391 | 128 | 75 | 125 | 281 |
| Father Only | 28 | 119 | 40 | 19 | 139 | 51 | 21 | 20 | 31 |
| Other Relative | 22 | 305 | 93 | 38 | 185 | 58 | 46 | 69 | 129 |
| Nonrelative | 5 | 76 | 20 | 7 | 49 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 27 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | | | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | - | 144 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 981 | 9,630 | 2,119 | 2,410 | 6,135 | 3,143 | 1,266 | 1,774 | 2,614 |
| Householder or Spouse | 3 | 10 | - | 5 | 6 | - | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Own Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 816 | 7,813 | 1,788 | 2,120 | 5,087 | 2,942 | 1,075 | 1,569 | 2,095 |
| Single Parent | 129 | 1,344 | 237 | 219 | 730 | 164 | 160 | 141 | 411 |
| Mother Only | 103 | 1,112 | 204 | 164 | 523 | 131 | 133 | 119 | 325 |
| Father Only | 26 | 232 | 33 | 55 | 207 | 33 | 27 | 22 | 86 |
| Other Relative | 29 | 164 | 58 | 46 | 203 | 33 | 19 | 34 | 69 |
| Nonrelative | 4 | 115 | 23 | 20 | 109 | 4 | 11 | 26 | 35 |
| In Group Quaters | - | 184 | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 89.9 | 87.6 | 90.1 | 94.3 | 90.8 | 95.0 | 92.4 | 89.1 | 87.3 |
| 1980 | 88.1 | 83.8 | 87.8 | 93.4 | 87.3 | 93.1 | 89.2 | 87.7 | 82.7 |
| 1990 | 83.2 | 81.1 | 84.4 | 88.0 | 82.9 | 93.6 | 84.9 | 88.4 | 80.1 |
| All Single Parent | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 6.9 | 9.0 |
| 1980 | 9.3 | 10.2 | 7.1 | 4.7 | 8.6 | 4.8 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 11.3 |
| 1990 | 13.1 | 14.0 | 11.2 | 9.1 | 11.9 | 5.2 | 12.6 | 7.9 | 15.7 |
| Mother Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 4.1 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 5.0 | 8.5 |
| 1980 | 7.1 | 8.9 | 5.4 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 3.5 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 10.1 |
| 1990 | 10.5 | 11.5 | 9.6 | 6.8 | 8.5 | 4.2 | 10.5 | 6.7 | 12.4 |
| Father Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 1.0 | .9 | .7 | .7 | .9 | .7 | 1.4 | 1.9 | .5 |
| 1980 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | .72 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| 1990 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 3.3 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -7.6 | -2.8 | -20.8 | -17.1 | -2.0 | -26.1 | 7.4 | -19.4 | -28.9 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -9.4 | -7.0 | -22.8 | -17.9 | -5.7 | -27.5 | 3.6 | -20.7 | -32.6 |
| All Single Parent | 70.6 | 60.1 | 17.0 | 6.8 | 73.8 | -3.2 | 62.7 | -10.5 | -10.6 |
| Mother Only | 60.0 | 63.3 | 3.3 | 12.8 | 55.8 | -15.8 | 87.5 | 6.8 | -14.8 |
| Father Only | 115.4 | 41.7 | 1 | -17.4 | 157.4 | 54.5 | 10.5 | -55.6 | 63.2 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -21.4 | 5.4 | -8.3 | -8.5 | -3 | -15.2 | -13.2 | -6.9 | -5.6 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -25.8 | 2.1 | -12.0 | -13.9 | -5.3 | -14.7 | -17.4 | -6.0 | -8.6 |
| All Single Parent | 11.2 | 44.2 | 43.6 | 75.2 | 37.7 | -8.4 | 66.7 | -2.8 | 31.7 |
| Mother Only | 17.0 | 36.8 | 63.2 | 54.7 | 33.8 | 2.3 | 77.3 | -4.8 | 15.7 |
| Father Only | -7.1 | 95.0 | -17.5 | 189 | 48.9 | -35.3 | 28.6 | 10.0 | 177.0 |

Table 1: Living Arrangements for Children under 18: 1970, 1980 and 1990

| | Clay | Colfax | Cuming | Custer | Dakota | Dawes | Dawson | Deuel | Dixon |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| 1970 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 2,841 | 3,051 | 4,392 | 4,524 | 5,081 | 2,779 | 6,670 | 837 | 2,557 |
| Householder or Spouse | 10 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 20 | 13 | 24 | 2 | 4 |
| Own Child: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 2,612 | 2,887 | 4,128 | 4,137 | 4,419 | 2,350 | 6,017 | 767 | 2,401 |
| All Single Parent | 148 | 94 | 163 | 214 | 368 | 213 | 401 | 38 | 99 |
| Mother Only | 111 | 86 | 114 | 177 | 303 | 181 | 325 | 37 | 73 |
| Father Only | 37 | 8 | 49 | 37 | 65 | 32 | 76 | 1 | 26 |
| Other Relative | 57 | 52 | 73 | 139 | 226 | 88 | 174 | 26 | 41 |
| Not Related to Head & In | | | | | | | | | |
| Group Quarters | 14 | 13 | 20 | 26 | 48 | 115 | 54 | 4 | 12 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 2,335 | 2,800 | 3,530 | 3,782 | 5,415 | 2,402 | 6,715 | 666 | 2,119 |
| Householder or Spouse | 3 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 4 | 25 | - | 5 |
| Own Children: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 2,037 | 2,571 | 3,296 | 3,379 | 4,466 | 1,939 | 5,845 | 574 | 1,902 |
| All Single Parent | 163 | 157 | 146 | 265 | 626 | 273 | 606 | 67 | 138 |
| Mother Only | 140 | 125 | 116 | 211 | 531 | 225 | 490 | 60 | 123 |
| Father Only | 23 | 32 | 30 | 54 | 95 | 48 | 116 | 7 | 15 |
| Other Relative | 94 | 59 | 75 | 101 | 218 | 64 | 180 | 17 | 62 |
| Nonrelative | 27 | 8 | 8 | 27 | 86 | 21 | 59 | 8 | 11 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | | | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | 11 | - | - | - | 1 | 101 | - | - | 1 |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 1,940 | 2,528 | 2,820 | 3,314 | 5,073 | 2,280 | 5,572 | 588 | 1,731 |
| Householder or Spouse | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 9 | - | - |
| Own Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,693 | 2,175 | 2,607 | 2,851 | 3,837 | 1,719 | 4,568 | 487 | 1,514 |
| Single Parent | 187 | 267 | 167 | 373 | 923 | 397 | 780 | 80 | 165 |
| Mother Only | 142 | 215 | 124 | 280 | 721 | 314 | 591 | 62 | 133 |
| Father Only | 45 | 52 | 43 | 93 | 202 | 83 | 189 | 18 | 32 |
| Other Relative | 28 | 49 | 25 | 68 | 204 | 72 | 132 | 16 | 37 |
| Nonrelative | 30 | 35 | 20 | 20 | 101 | 24 | 82 | 5 | 15 |
| In Group Quarters | - | 1 | - | - | - | 66 | 1 | - | - |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 91.9 | 94.6 | 94.0 | 91.4 | 87.0 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 91.6 | 93.9 |
| 1980 | 87.2 | 91.8 | 93.4 | 89.3 | 82.5 | 80.7 | 87.0 | 86.2 | 89.8 |
| 1990 | 87.3 | 86.0 | 92.4 | 86.0 | 75.6 | 75.4 | 82.0 | 82.8 | 87.5 |
| All Single Parent | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 5.2 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 3.9 |
| 1980 | 7.0 | 5.6 | 4.1 | 7.0 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 9.0 | 10.1 | 6.5 |
| 1990 | 9.6 | 10.6 | 5.9 | 11.3 | 18.2 | 17.4 | 14.0 | 13.6 | 9.5 |
| Mother Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 2.9 |
| 1980 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 5.6 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 7.3 | 9.0 | 5.8 |
| 1990 | 7.3 | 8.5 | 4.4 | 8.4 | 14.2 | 13.8 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 7.7 |
| Father Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 1.3 | .3 | 1.1 | .8 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | .1 | 1.0 |
| 1980 | 1.0 | 1.1 | .9 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.1 | .7 |
| 1990 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 1.8 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -17.8 | -8.2 | -19.6 | -16.4 | 6.6 | -13.6 | .7 | -20.4 | -17.1 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -22.0 | -10.9 | -20.2 | -18.3 | 1.1 | -17.5 | -2.9 | -25.2 | -20.8 |
| All Single Parent | 10.1 | 67.0 | -10.4 | 23.8 | 70.1 | 28.2 | 51.1 | 76.3 | 39.4 |
| Mother Only | 26.1 | 45.3 | 1.8 | 19.2 | 75.2 | 24.3 | 50.8 | 62.2 | 68.5 |
| Father Only | -37.8 | 300.0 | -38.8 | 45.9 | 46.2 | 50.0 | 52.6 | 600.0 | -42.3 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -16.9 | -9.7 | -20.1 | -12.4 | -6.3 | -5.1 | -17.0 | -11.7 | -18.3 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -16.9 | -15.4 | -20.9 | -15.6 | -14.1 | -11.3 | -21.8 | -15.2 | -20.4 |
| All Single Parent | 14.7 | 70.1 | 14.4 | 40.8 | 47.4 | 45.4 | 28.7 | 19.4 | 19.6 |
| Mother Only | 1.4 | 72.0 | 6.9 | 32.7 | 35.8 | 39.6 | 20.6 | 3.3 | 8.1 |
| Father Only | 95.7 | 62.5 | 43.3 | 72.2 | 113.0 | 72.9 | 62.9 | 157.0 | 113.0 |

Table 1: Living Arrangement for Children under 18: 1970, 1980 and 1990

| | Dodge | Douglas | Dundy | Filmore | Franklin | Frontier | Furnas | Gage | Garden |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|----------|----------|--------|-------|--------|
| 1970 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 12,046 | 140,457 | 833 | 2,643 | 1,251 | 1,254 | 1,990 | 7,988 | 909 |
| Householder or Spouse | 20 | 368 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 19 | 3 |
| Own Child: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 10,869 | 116,975 | 747 | 2,362 | 1,144 | 1,152 | 1,804 | 6,656 | 819 |
| All Single Parent | 773 | 16,484 | 62 | 134 | 62 | 51 | 107 | 433 | 49 |
| Mother Only | 659 | 15,079 | 55 | 119 | 57 | 38 | 93 | 353 | 37 |
| Father Only | 114 | 1,405 | 7 | 15 | 5 | 13 | 14 | 80 | 12 |
| Other Relative | 314 | 4,803 | 18 | 36 | 39 | 34 | 65 | 225 | 36 |
| Not Related to Head & In | | | | | | | | | |
| Group Quarters | 70 | 1,827 | - | 108 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 655 | 2 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 10,053 | 115,538 | 698 | 2,145 | 1,070 | 1,010 | 1,570 | 6,129 | 658 |
| Householder or Spouse | 21 | 222 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 24 | 3 |
| Own Children: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 8,590 | 85,974 | 648 | 1,905 | 947 | 935 | 1,388 | 5,152 | 593 |
| All Single Parent | 1,053 | 22,202 | 25 | 117 | 62 | 50 | 113 | 612 | 41 |
| Mother Only | 892 | 20,108 | 19 | 90 | 49 | 40 | 87 | 544 | 35 |
| Father Only | 161 | 2,094 | 6 | 27 | 13 | 10 | 26 | 68 | 6 |
| Other Relative | 293 | 5,092 | 18 | 52 | 56 | 11 | 54 | 160 | 18 |
| Nonrelative | 77 | 1,296 | 4 | 12 | 3 | 13 | 12 | 40 | 3 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | | | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | 19 | 752 | 2 | 47 | - | - | - | 141 | - |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 9,004 | 111,898 | 643 | 1,881 | 923 | 863 | 1,316 | 5,567 | 571 |
| Householder or Spouse | 9 | 103 | 1 | - | - | - | 3 | 4 | - |
| Own Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 7,315 | 78,177 | 544 | 1,625 | 837 | 771 | 1,164 | 4,506 | 490 |
| Single Parent | 1,322 | 25,508 | 82 | 149 | 62 | 72 | 114 | 827 | 56 |
| Mother Only | 1,050 | 22,626 | 72 | 93 | 38 | 54 | 96 | 635 | 45 |
| Father Only | 272 | 2,882 | 10 | 56 | 24 | 18 | 18 | 174 | 11 |
| Other Relative | 210 | 5,484 | 9 | 21 | 19 | 10 | 24 | 128 | 17 |
| Nonrelative | 119 | 1,690 | 7 | 15 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 76 | 8 |
| In Group Quarters | 29 | 936 | - | 71 | - | - | - | 26 | - |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 90.2 | 83.3 | 89.7 | 89.4 | 91.4 | 91.9 | 90.7 | 83.3 | 90.1 |
| 1980 | 85.4 | 74.4 | 92.8 | 88.8 | 88.5 | 92.6 | 88.4 | 84.1 | 90.1 |
| 1990 | 81.2 | 69.9 | 84.7 | 86.4 | 90.7 | 89.3 | 88.4 | 80.9 | 85.8 |
| All Single Parent | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 6.4 | 11.7 | 7.4 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| 1980 | 10.5 | 19.2 | 3.6 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 7.2 | 10.0 | 6.2 |
| 1990 | 14.9 | 22.8 | 12.8 | 7.9 | 6.7 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 14.9 | 9.8 |
| Mother Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 5.5 | 10.7 | 6.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| 1980 | 8.9 | 17.4 | 2.7 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 8.9 | 5.3 |
| 1990 | 11.7 | 20.2 | 11.2 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 11.7 | 7.9 |
| Father Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 1.0 | 1.0 | .8 | .6 | .4 | 1.0 | .7 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| 1980 | 1.6 | 1.8 | .86 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.1 | .9 |
| 1990 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 1.9 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -16.5 | -17.7 | -16.2 | -18.8 | -14.5 | -19.5 | -21.1 | -23.3 | -27.6 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -21.0 | -26.5 | -13.3 | -19.3 | -17.2 | -18.8 | -23.1 | -22.6 | -27.6 |
| All Single Parent | 36.2 | 34.7 | -59.7 | -12.7 | - | -2.0 | 5.6 | 41.3 | -16.3 |
| Mother Only | 35.4 | 33.4 | -65.5 | -24.4 | -14.0 | 5.3 | -6.5 | 54.1 | -5.4 |
| Father Only | 41.2 | 49.0 | -14.3 | 80.0 | 160.0 | -23.1 | 85.7 | -15.0 | -50.0 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -10.4 | -3.2 | -7.9 | -12.3 | -13.7 | -14.6 | -16.2 | -9.2 | -13.2 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -14.8 | -9.1 | -16.0 | -14.7 | -11.6 | -17.5 | -16.1 | -12.5 | -17.4 |
| All Single Parent | 25.5 | 14.9 | 228.0 | 27.4 | - | 44.0 | .9 | 35.1 | 36.6 |
| Mother Only | 17.7 | 12.5 | 279.0 | 3.3 | -22.4 | 35.0 | 10.3 | 16.7 | 28.6 |
| Father Only | 68.9 | 37.6 | 66.7 | 107.0 | 84.6 | 80.0 | -30.8 | 156.0 | 83.3 |

Table 1: Living Arrangement for Children under 18: 1970, 1980 and 1990

| | Garfield | Gosper | Grant | Greeley | Hall | Hamilton | Harlan | Hayes | Hitchcock |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|-------|---------|--------|----------|--------|-------|-----------|
| 1970 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 738 | 760 | 404 | 1,519 | 15,027 | 3,208 | 1,362 | 548 | 1,331 |
| Householder or Spouse | 3 | - | 2 | 2 | 45 | 7 | 4 | 1 | - |
| Own Child: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 684 | 700 | 363 | 1,384 | 13,320 | 2,982 | 1,282 | 526 | 1,199 |
| All Single Parent | 43 | 20 | 25 | 103 | 1,116 | 137 | 53 | 9 | 75 |
| Mother Only | 39 | 17 | 22 | 91 | 958 | 104 | 46 | 8 | 63 |
| Father Only | 4 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 158 | 33 | 7 | 1 | 12 |
| Other Relative | 7 | 37 | 9 | 25 | 476 | 71 | 17 | 11 | 41 |
| Not Related to Head & In | | | | | | | | | |
| Group Quarters | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 70 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 16 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 640 | 590 | 267 | 1,077 | 14,357 | 2,814 | 1,086 | 393 | 1,146 |
| Householder or Spouse | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 40 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Own Children: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 557 | 538 | 222 | 987 | 12,079 | 2,582 | 978 | 375 | 984 |
| All Single Parent | 57 | 32 | 32 | 68 | 1,580 | 170 | 79 | 8 | 74 |
| Mother Only | 44 | 23 | 25 | 48 | 1,297 | 138 | 68 | 7 | 56 |
| Father Only | 13 | 9 | 7 | 20 | 283 | 32 | 11 | 1 | 18 |
| Other Relative | 21 | 11 | 10 | 18 | 457 | 43 | 17 | 8 | 54 |
| Nonrelative | 4 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 183 | 13 | 8 | - | 8 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | | | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | - | - | - | - | 18 | - | - | - | 25 |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 554 | 470 | 225 | 924 | 13,873 | 2,573 | 939 | 331 | 1,083 |
| Householder or Spouse | 3 | 1 | - | - | 19 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Own Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 492 | 421 | 195 | 792 | 10,800 | 2,291 | 820 | 304 | 922 |
| Single Parent | 52 | 40 | 21 | 109 | 2,374 | 195 | 67 | 20 | 90 |
| Mother Only | 34 | 26 | 17 | 86 | 2,023 | 144 | 52 | 12 | 67 |
| Father Only | 18 | 14 | 4 | 23 | 351 | 51 | 15 | 8 | 23 |
| Other Relative | 6 | 5 | 6 | 14 | 418 | 52 | 35 | 5 | 22 |
| Nonrelative | 1 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 221 | 33 | 17 | 2 | 19 |
| In Group Quarters | - | - | - | - | 41 | - | - | - | 30 |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 92.7 | 92.1 | 89.9 | 91.1 | 88.6 | 93.0 | 94.1 | 96.0 | 90.1 |
| 1980 | 87.0 | 91.2 | 83.1 | 91.6 | 84.1 | 91.8 | 90.0 | 95.4 | 85.9 |
| 1990 | 88.8 | 89.6 | 86.7 | 85.7 | 77.8 | 89.0 | 87.3 | 91.8 | 85.1 |
| All Single Parent | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 5.8 | 2.6 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 5.6 |
| 1980 | 8.9 | 5.4 | 12.0 | 6.3 | 11.0 | 6.0 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 6.5 |
| 1990 | 9.4 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 11.8 | 17.1 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 8.3 |
| Mother Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 5.3 | 2.2 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 1.5 | 4.7 |
| 1980 | 6.9 | 3.9 | 9.4 | 4.5 | 9.0 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 1.8 | 4.9 |
| 1990 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 14.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 6.2 |
| Father Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | .5 | .4 | 1.0 | .8 | 1.1 | 1.0 | .5 | .2 | .9 |
| 1980 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | .25 | 1.6 |
| 1990 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 2.1 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -13.3 | -22.4 | -33.9 | -29.1 | -4.5 | -12.3 | -20.3 | -28.3 | -13.9 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -18.6 | -23.1 | -38.8 | -28.7 | -9.3 | -13.4 | -23.7 | -28.7 | -17.9 |
| All Single Parent | 32.6 | 60.0 | 23.1 | -34.0 | 41.6 | 24.1 | 49.1 | -11.1 | -1.3 |
| Mother Only | 12.8 | 35.3 | 13.6 | -47.3 | 35.4 | 32.7 | 47.8 | -12.5 | -11.1 |
| Father Only | 225.0 | 200.0 | 75.0 | 66.7 | 79.1 | -3.0 | 57.1 | - | 50.0 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -13.4 | -20.3 | -15.7 | -14.2 | -3.4 | -8.6 | -13.5 | -15.8 | -5.5 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -11.7 | -21.7 | -12.2 | -19.8 | -10.6 | -11.3 | -16.2 | -18.9 | -6.3 |
| All Single Parent | -8.8 | 25.0 | -34.4 | 60.3 | 50.3 | 14.7 | -15.2 | 150.0 | 21.6 |
| Mother Only | -22.7 | 13.0 | -32.0 | 79.2 | 56.0 | 4.3 | -23.5 | 71.4 | 19.6 |
| Father Only | 38.5 | 55.6 | -42.9 | 15.0 | 24.0 | 59.4 | 36.4 | 700.0 | 27.8 |

Table 1: Living Arrangement for Children under 18: 1970,1980 and 1990

| | Holt | Hooker | Howard | Jefferson | Johnson | Kearney | Keith | Keya Paha | Kimball |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1970 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 4,841 | 286 | 2,499 | 3,047 | 1,852 | 2,215 | 3,044 | 465 | 2,351 |
| Householder or Spouse | 9 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | - | 15 |
| Own Child: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 4,472 | 252 | 2,343 | 2,781 | 1,708 | 2,061 | 2,705 | 447 | 2,064 |
| All Single Parent | 255 | 19 | 101 | 163 | 84 | 78 | 206 | 5 | 187 |
| Mother Only | 205 | 16 | 80 | 128 | 62 | 70 | 173 | 5 | 156 |
| Father Only | 50 | 3 | 21 | 35 | 22 | 8 | 33 | - | 31 |
| Other Relative | 90 | 13 | 48 | 87 | 50 | 44 | 115 | 12 | 61 |
| Not Related to Head & In | | | | | | | | | |
| Group Quarters | 15 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 29 | 13 | 1 | 24 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 4,207 | 261 | 2,080 | 2,345 | 1,370 | 1,935 | 2,724 | 385 | 1,438 |
| Householder or Spouse | 2 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 3 |
| Own Children: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 3,745 | 189 | 1,887 | 2,068 | 1,226 | 1,712 | 2,289 | 356 | 1,185 |
| All Single Parent | 332 | 47 | 121 | 197 | 102 | 142 | 299 | 14 | 172 |
| Mother Only | 258 | 40 | 86 | 171 | 81 | 102 | 241 | 14 | 147 |
| Father Only | 74 | 7 | 35 | 26 | 21 | 40 | 58 | - | 25 |
| Other Relative | 93 | 15 | 59 | 54 | 28 | 53 | 98 | 8 | 63 |
| Nonrelative | 27 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 10 | 15 | 28 | 6 | 15 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | | | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | 8 | - | - | 1 | - | 12 | - | - | - |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 3,809 | 195 | 1,725 | 2,154 | 1,145 | 1,789 | 2,387 | 269 | 1,093 |
| Householder or Spouse | 1 | - | - | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Own Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 3,442 | 163 | 1,522 | 1,842 | 1,006 | 1,537 | 1,959 | 246 | 885 |
| Single Parent | 295 | 30 | 145 | 236 | 115 | 187 | 323 | 14 | 162 |
| Mother Only | 233 | 27 | 115 | 187 | 93 | 147 | 269 | 8 | 129 |
| Father Only | 62 | 3 | 30 | 49 | 22 | 40 | 54 | 6 | 33 |
| Other Relative | 38 | 1 | 34 | 49 | 18 | 36 | 74 | 8 | 31 |
| Nonrelative | 32 | 1 | 24 | 24 | 4 | 20 | 26 | - | 15 |
| In Group Quarters | 1 | - | - | - | - | 7 | - | - | - |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 92.4 | 88.1 | 93.8 | 91.3 | 92.2 | 93.0 | 88.9 | 96.1 | 87.8 |
| 1980 | 89.0 | 72.4 | 90.7 | 88.2 | 89.5 | 88.5 | 84.0 | 92.5 | 82.4 |
| 1990 | 90.4 | 83.6 | 88.2 | 85.5 | 87.7 | 85.9 | 82.1 | 91.4 | 81.0 |
| All Single Parent | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 6.8 | 1.1 | 8.0 |
| 1980 | 7.9 | 18.0 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 11.0 | 3.6 | 12.0 |
| 1990 | 7.7 | 15.4 | 8.4 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 13.5 | 5.2 | 14.8 |
| Mother Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 5.7 | 1.1 | 6.6 |
| 1980 | 6.1 | 15.3 | 3.2 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 8.8 | 3.6 | 10.2 |
| 1990 | 6.1 | 13.8 | 4.1 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 11.3 | 3.0 | 11.8 |
| Father Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 1.0 | 1.0 | .8 | 1.1 | 1.2 | .4 | 1.1 | - | 1.3 |
| 1980 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 | - | 1.7 |
| 1990 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 3.0 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -13.1 | -8.7 | -16.8 | -23.0 | -26.0 | -12.6 | -10.5 | -17.2 | -38.8 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -16.3 | -25.0 | -19.5 | -15.7 | -28.2 | -16.9 | -15.4 | -20.4 | -42.6 |
| All Single Parent | 30.2 | 147.0 | 19.8 | 20.9 | 21.4 | 82.1 | 45.1 | 180.0 | -8.0 |
| Mother Only | 25.9 | 150.0 | 7.5 | 33.6 | 30.6 | 45.7 | 39.3 | 180.0 | -5.8 |
| Father Only | 48.0 | 133.0 | 66.7 | -25.7 | -4.5 | 400.0 | 75.8 | - | -19.4 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -9.5 | -25.3 | -17.1 | -8.1 | -16.4 | -7.5 | -12.4 | -30.1 | -24.0 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -8.1 | -13.8 | -19.3 | -10.9 | -17.9 | -10.2 | -14.4 | -30.9 | -25.3 |
| All Single Parent | -11.1 | -36.2 | 19.8 | 19.8 | 12.7 | 31.7 | 8.0 | - | -5.8 |
| Mother Only | -9.7 | -32.5 | 33.7 | 9.4 | 14.8 | 44.1 | 11.6 | -42.9 | -12.2 |
| Father Only | -16.2 | -57.1 | -14.3 | 88.5 | 4.8 | - | -6.9 | - | 32.0 |

Table 1: Living Arrangement for Children under 18: 1970,1980 and 1990

| | Knox | Lancaster | Lincoln | Logan | Loup | McPherson | Madison | Merrick | Morrill |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1970 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 4,134 | 50,480 | 10,509 | 351 | 269 | 207 | 8,971 | 3,197 | 1,940 |
| Householder or Spouse | 3 | 131 | 48 | - | - | 1 | 18 | 2 | 9 |
| Own Child: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 3,831 | 43,985 | 9,147 | 298 | 252 | 192 | 8,147 | 2,952 | 1,730 |
| All Single Parent | 188 | 4,249 | 846 | 18 | 11 | 7 | 501 | 166 | 100 |
| Mother Only | 147 | 3,840 | 719 | 14 | 4 | 6 | 432 | 130 | 70 |
| Father Only | 41 | 409 | 127 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 69 | 36 | 30 |
| Other Relative | 102 | 1,379 | 347 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 237 | 64 | 72 |
| Not Related to Head & In | | | | | | | | | |
| Group Quarters | 10 | 736 | 121 | 26 | - | 2 | 32 | 13 | 29 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 3,294 | 47,045 | 11,184 | 309 | 241 | 161 | 8,606 | 2,750 | 1,757 |
| Householder or Spouse | 1 | 105 | 45 | 2 | 1 | - | 18 | 3 | 5 |
| Own Children: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 2,949 | 37,819 | 9,397 | 261 | 213 | 158 | 7,438 | 2,443 | 1,536 |
| All Single Parent | 197 | 6,802 | 1,212 | 15 | 21 | 2 | 785 | 196 | 138 |
| Mother Only | 153 | 6,004 | 1,000 | 8 | 13 | - | 674 | 164 | 114 |
| Father Only | 44 | 798 | 212 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 111 | 32 | 24 |
| Other Relative | 130 | 1,433 | 407 | 10 | 6 | - | 259 | 82 | 53 |
| Nonrelative | 16 | 569 | 121 | - | - | 1 | 88 | 26 | 11 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | | | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | 1 | 317 | 2 | 21 | - | - | 18 | - | 14 |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 2,502 | 51,048 | 9,380 | 293 | 188 | 160 | 9,311 | 2,237 | 1,520 |
| Householder or Spouse | 2 | 48 | 11 | - | - | 1 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Own Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 2,184 | 39,957 | 7,416 | 266 | 172 | 151 | 7,721 | 1,970 | 1,313 |
| Single Parent | 236 | 8,805 | 1,554 | 19 | 9 | 7 | 1,284 | 203 | 142 |
| Mother Only | 236 | 7,507 | 1,261 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 1,049 | 156 | 89 |
| Father Only | 64 | 1,298 | 293 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 235 | 47 | 53 |
| Other Relative | 65 | 1,355 | 270 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 167 | 38 | 28 |
| Nonrelative | 15 | 730 | 120 | - | 4 | - | 128 | 25 | 23 |
| In Group Quarters | - | 153 | 9 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 13 |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 92.7 | 87.1 | 87.0 | 84.9 | 93.7 | 92.8 | 90.8 | 92.3 | 89.2 |
| 1980 | 89.5 | 80.4 | 84.0 | 84.5 | 88.4 | 98.1 | 86.4 | 88.8 | 87.4 |
| 1990 | 87.3 | 78.3 | 79.1 | 90.8 | 91.5 | 94.4 | 82.9 | 88.1 | 86.4 |
| All Single Parent | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 4.5 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| 1980 | 6.0 | 14.5 | 10.8 | 4.9 | 8.7 | 1.2 | 9.1 | 7.1 | 7.9 |
| 1990 | 9.4 | 17.2 | 16.6 | 6.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 13.8 | 9.1 | 9.3 |
| Mother Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 3.6 | 7.6 | 6.8 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.6 |
| 1980 | 4.6 | 12.8 | 8.9 | 2.6 | 5.4 | - | 7.8 | 6.0 | 6.5 |
| 1990 | 6.9 | 14.7 | 12.4 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 11.3 | 7.0 | 5.9 |
| Father Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 1.0 | .8 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 2.6 | .5 | .8 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| 1980 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| 1990 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 1.1 | .6 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 3.5 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -20.3 | -6.8 | 6.4 | -12.0 | -10.4 | -22.2 | -4.1 | -14.0 | -9.4 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -23.0 | -14.0 | 2.7 | -12.4 | -15.5 | -17.7 | -8.7 | -17.2 | -11.2 |
| All Single Parent | 4.8 | 60.1 | 43.3 | -16.7 | 90.9 | -71.4 | 56.7 | 18.1 | 38.0 |
| Mother Only | 4.1 | 56.4 | 39.1 | -42.9 | 225.0 | -100.0 | 56.0 | 26.2 | 62.9 |
| Father Only | 7.3 | 95.1 | 66.9 | 75.0 | 14.3 | 100.0 | 60.9 | -11.1 | -20.0 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -24.0 | 8.5 | -16.1 | -5.2 | -22.0 | -6 | 8.2 | -18.7 | -13.5 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -25.9 | 5.7 | -21.1 | 1.9 | -19.2 | -4.4 | 3.8 | -19.4 | -14.5 |
| All Single Parent | 19.8 | 29.4 | 28.2 | 26.7 | -57.1 | 250.0 | 63.6 | 3.6 | 2.9 |
| Mother Only | 12.4 | 25.0 | 26.1 | 37.5 | -46.2 | ~ | 55.6 | -4.9 | -21.9 |
| Father Only | 45.5 | 62.7 | 38.2 | - | -75.0 | -50.0 | 112.0 | 46.9 | 121.0 |

Table 1: Living Arrangement for Children under 18: 1970,1980 and 1990

| | Nance | Nemaha | Nuckolls | Otoe | Pawnee | Perkins | Phelps | Pierce | Platte |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|----------|-------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1970 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 1,723 | 2,492 | 2,462 | 4,935 | 1,304 | 1,085 | 3,094 | 2,990 | 10,025 |
| Householder or Spouse | 4 | 8 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 22 |
| Own Child: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,603 | 2,257 | 2,260 | 4,423 | 1,212 | 1,048 | 2,839 | 2,830 | 9,379 |
| All Single Parent | 96 | 134 | 136 | 276 | 58 | 22 | 167 | 98 | 438 |
| Mother Only | 66 | 112 | 104 | 240 | 42 | 14 | 133 | 83 | 337 |
| Father Only | 30 | 22 | 32 | 36 | 16 | 8 | 34 | 15 | 101 |
| Other Relative | 17 | 82 | 49 | 165 | 22 | 12 | 68 | 57 | 154 |
| Not Related to Head & In | | | | | | | | | |
| Group Quarters | 3 | 11 | 16 | 59 | 9 | 2 | 12 | 4 | 32 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 1,392 | 2,079 | 1,815 | 4,096 | 908 | 1,030 | 2,639 | 2,484 | 9,002 |
| Householder or Spouse | 5 | 5 | 2 | 7 | - | 7 | 11 | 8 | 12 |
| Own Children: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,257 | 1,791 | 1,650 | 3,525 | 820 | 943 | 2,328 | 2,305 | 8,212 |
| All Single Parent | 93 | 192 | 119 | 364 | 51 | 47 | 234 | 121 | 588 |
| Mother Only | 80 | 154 | 104 | 325 | 41 | 42 | 205 | 107 | 502 |
| Father Only | 13 | 38 | 15 | 39 | 10 | 5 | 29 | 14 | 86 |
| Other Relative | 30 | 75 | 33 | 133 | 25 | 28 | 40 | 34 | 140 |
| Nonrelative | 7 | 15 | 11 | 39 | 12 | 5 | 26 | 16 | 44 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | | | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | - | 1 | - | 28 | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 1,229 | 1,952 | 1,498 | 3,727 | 768 | 1,002 | 2,656 | 2,289 | 9,257 |
| Householder or Spouse | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 10 | - | 5 |
| Own Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,117 | 1,671 | 1,319 | 3,056 | 652 | 879 | 2,303 | 2,046 | 8,068 |
| Single Parent | 95 | 215 | 137 | 516 | 86 | 103 | 262 | 190 | 904 |
| Mother Only | 76 | 157 | 100 | 419 | 72 | 90 | 213 | 139 | 728 |
| Father Only | 19 | 58 | 37 | 97 | 14 | 13 | 49 | 51 | 176 |
| Other Relative | 12 | 40 | 30 | 109 | 17 | 10 | 51 | 39 | 170 |
| Nonrelative | 4 | 24 | 11 | 43 | 12 | 10 | 30 | 14 | 91 |
| In Group Quarters | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 19 |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 93.0 | 90.6 | 91.8 | 89.6 | 92.9 | 96.6 | 91.8 | 94.6 | 93.6 |
| 1980 | 90.3 | 86.1 | 90.9 | 86.1 | 90.3 | 91.6 | 88.2 | 92.8 | 91.2 |
| 1990 | 90.9 | 85.6 | 88.1 | 82.0 | 84.9 | 87.7 | 86.7 | 89.4 | 87.2 |
| All Single Parent | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 2.0 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 4.4 |
| 1980 | 6.7 | 9.2 | 6.6 | 8.9 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 8.9 | 4.9 | 6.5 |
| 1990 | 7.7 | 11.0 | 9.1 | 13.8 | 11.2 | 10.3 | 9.9 | 8.3 | 9.8 |
| Mother Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 4.3 | 2.8 | 3.4 |
| 1980 | 5.7 | 7.4 | 5.7 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 4.3 | 5.6 |
| 1990 | 6.2 | 8.0 | 6.7 | 11.2 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 6.1 | 7.9 |
| Father Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 1.7 | .9 | 1.3 | .7 | 1.2 | .7 | 1.1 | .5 | 1.0 |
| 1980 | .9 | 1.8 | .8 | 1.0 | 0 | .5 | 1.1 | .6 | 1.0 |
| 1990 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -19.2 | -16.6 | -26.3 | -17.0 | -30.4 | -5.1 | -14.7 | -16.9 | -10.2 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -21.6 | -20.6 | -27.0 | -20.3 | -32.3 | -10.0 | -18.0 | -18.6 | -12.4 |
| All Single Parent | -3.1 | 43.3 | -12.5 | 31.9 | -12.1 | 114.0 | 40.1 | 23.5 | 34.2 |
| Mother Only | 21.2 | 37.5 | - | 35.4 | -2.4 | 200.0 | 54.1 | 28.9 | 49.0 |
| Father Only | -56.7 | 72.7 | -53.1 | 8.3 | -37.5 | -37.5 | -14.7 | -6.7 | -14.9 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -11.7 | -6.1 | -17.5 | -9.0 | -15.4 | -2.7 | .6 | -7.9 | 2.8 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -11.1 | -6.7 | -20.1 | -13.3 | -20.5 | -6.8 | -1.1 | -11.2 | -1.8 |
| All Single Parent | 2.2 | 12.0 | 15.1 | 41.8 | 68.6 | 119.0 | -12.0 | 57.0 | 53.7 |
| Mother Only | -5.0 | 1.9 | -3.8 | 28.9 | 75.6 | 114.0 | 3.9 | 29.9 | 45.0 |
| Father Only | 46.2 | 52.6 | 147.0 | 149.0 | 40.0 | 160.0 | 69.0 | 264.0 | 105.0 |

Table 1: Living Arrangement for Children under 18: 1970,1980 and 1990

| | Polk | Red Willow | Richardson | Rock | Saline | Sarpy | Saunders | Scotts Bluff | Seward |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|
| 1970 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 2,048 | 4,058 | 3,694 | 738 | 3,519 | 28,033 | 5,571 | 12,564 | 4,265 |
| Householder or Spouse | 2 | 8 | 19 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 39 | 7 |
| Own Child: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,921 | 3,716 | 3,295 | 689 | 3,263 | 25,930 | 5,153 | 11,056 | 4,007 |
| All Single Parent | 77 | 197 | 237 | 29 | 158 | 1,550 | 220 | 970 | 144 |
| Mother Only | 61 | 174 | 202 | 16 | 144 | 1,399 | 181 | 850 | 114 |
| Father Only | 16 | 23 | 35 | 13 | 14 | 151 | 39 | 120 | 30 |
| Other Relative | 37 | 107 | 135 | 19 | 82 | 426 | 155 | 410 | 81 |
| Not Related to Head & In | | | | | | | | | |
| Group Quarters | 11 | 30 | 8 | - | 8 | 118 | 31 | 89 | 26 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 1,820 | 3,499 | 2,811 | 714 | 3,239 | 30,659 | 5,565 | 11,563 | 4,205 |
| Householder or Spouse | 3 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 22 | 5 | 38 | 8 |
| Own Children: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,670 | 3,012 | 2,362 | 646 | 2,876 | 26,256 | 4,968 | 9,384 | 3,822 |
| All Single Parent | 111 | 337 | 310 | 45 | 242 | 3,239 | 369 | 1,503 | 228 |
| Mother Only | 82 | 274 | 259 | 33 | 183 | 2,775 | 284 | 1,296 | 188 |
| Father Only | 29 | 63 | 51 | 12 | 59 | 464 | 85 | 207 | 40 |
| Other Relative | 28 | 106 | 104 | 13 | 95 | 845 | 166 | 510 | 108 |
| Nonrelative | 8 | 31 | 28 | 8 | 17 | 274 | 52 | 108 | 32 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | | | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | - | - | - | - | 1 | 23 | 5 | 20 | 7 |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 1,514 | 3,178 | 2,473 | 583 | 3,163 | 33,070 | 5,219 | 10,063 | 4,109 |
| Householder or Spouse | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 17 | 3 | 15 | 5 |
| Own Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,358 | 2,572 | 2,055 | 491 | 2,696 | 26,663 | 4,501 | 7,497 | 3,559 |
| Single Parent | 120 | 497 | 309 | 75 | 345 | 4,125 | 519 | 2,024 | 384 |
| Mother Only | 98 | 402 | 243 | 56 | 260 | 3,324 | 379 | 1,740 | 292 |
| Father Only | 22 | 95 | 66 | 19 | 85 | 801 | 140 | 284 | 92 |
| Other Relative | 26 | 61 | 58 | 14 | 67 | 870 | 141 | 387 | 75 |
| Nonrelative | 9 | 42 | 44 | 2 | 49 | 366 | 53 | 134 | 45 |
| In Group Quarters | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | 29 | 2 | 6 | 41 |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 93.8 | 91.6 | 89.2 | 93.4 | 92.7 | 92.5 | 92.5 | 88.0 | 94.0 |
| 1980 | 91.8 | 86.0 | 84.0 | 90.5 | 88.8 | 85.6 | 89.3 | 81.2 | 90.9 |
| 1990 | 89.7 | 80.9 | 83.1 | 84.2 | 85.2 | 83.6 | 86.2 | 74.5 | 86.6 |
| All Single Parent | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 6.4 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 3.9 | 7.7 | 3.4 |
| 1980 | 6.1 | 9.6 | 11.0 | 6.3 | 7.5 | 10.6 | 6.6 | 13.0 | 5.4 |
| 1990 | 7.9 | 15.6 | 12.5 | 12.9 | 10.9 | 10.6 | 9.9 | 20.1 | 9.3 |
| Mother Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 6.8 | 2.7 |
| 1980 | 4.5 | 7.8 | 9.2 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 9.1 | 5.1 | 11.2 | 4.5 |
| 1990 | 6.5 | 12.6 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 8.2 | 10.1 | 7.3 | 17.3 | 7.1 |
| Father Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | .8 | .6 | 1.0 | 1.8 | .4 | .5 | .7 | 1.0 | .7 |
| 1980 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.0 |
| 1990 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.2 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -11.1 | -13.8 | -23.9 | -3.3 | -8.0 | 9.4 | -.1 | -8.0 | -1.4 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -13.1 | -18.9 | -28.3 | -6.2 | -11.9 | 1.3 | -3.6 | -15.1 | -4.6 |
| All Single Parent | 442.0 | 71.1 | 30.8 | 55.2 | 53.2 | 109.0 | 67.7 | 54.9 | 58.3 |
| Mother Only | 34.4 | 57.5 | 28.2 | 106.0 | 27.1 | 98.4 | 56.9 | 52.5 | 64.9 |
| Father Only | 81.3 | 174.0 | 45.7 | -7.7 | 321.0 | 207.0 | 118.0 | 72.5 | 33.3 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -16.8 | -9.2 | -12.0 | -18.3 | -2.3 | 7.9 | -6.2 | -13.0 | -2.3 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -18.7 | -14.6 | -13.0 | -24.0 | -6.3 | 5.4 | -9.4 | -20.1 | -6.9 |
| All Single Parent | 8.1 | 47.5 | -3 | 66.7 | 42.6 | 27.4 | 40.7 | 34.7 | 68.4 |
| Mother Only | 19.5 | 46.7 | -6.2 | 69.7 | 42.1 | 19.8 | 33.5 | 34.3 | 55.3 |
| Father Only | -24.1 | 50.8 | 29.4 | 58.3 | 44.1 | 72.6 | 64.7 | 37.2 | 130.0 |

Table 1: Living Arrangement for Children under 18: 1970,1980 and 1990

| | Sheridan | Sherman | Sioux | Stanton | Thayer | Thomas | Thurston | Valley | Washington |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|-------|---------|--------|--------|----------|--------|------------|
| 1970 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 2,457 | 1,670 | 717 | 2,086 | 2,407 | 324 | 2,697 | 1,855 | 4,313 |
| Householder or Spouse | 9 | - | 3 | 2 | 6 | - | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Own Child: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 2,149 | 1,549 | 655 | 1,984 | 2,235 | 292 | 2,052 | 1,705 | 3,967 |
| All Single Parent | 175 | 56 | 34 | 64 | 104 | 14 | 308 | 103 | 217 |
| Mother Only | 131 | 31 | 27 | 58 | 70 | 11 | 287 | 74 | 177 |
| Father Only | 44 | 25 | 7 | 6 | 34 | 3 | 21 | 29 | 40 |
| Other Relative | 94 | 54 | 20 | 20 | 58 | 14 | 253 | 43 | 103 |
| Not Related to Head & In | | | | | | | | | |
| Group Quarters | 30 | 11 | 5 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 79 | 1 | 18 |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 2,169 | 1,250 | 518 | 2,226 | 1,940 | 297 | 2,450 | 1,540 | 4,659 |
| Householder or Spouse | 9 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | - | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Own Children: | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,789 | 1,130 | 453 | 2,044 | 1,758 | 273 | 1,641 | 1,395 | 4,132 |
| All Single Parent | 231 | 76 | 37 | 114 | 134 | 15 | 463 | 94 | 349 |
| Mother Only | 195 | 60 | 29 | 98 | 120 | 8 | 408 | 64 | 297 |
| Father Only | 36 | 16 | 8 | 16 | 14 | 7 | 55 | 30 | 52 |
| Other Relative | 98 | 40 | 17 | 51 | 32 | 9 | 303 | 41 | 129 |
| Nonrelative | 42 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 11 | - | 31 | 7 | 41 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | | | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | - | 2 |
| 1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 1,882 | 1,050 | 407 | 2,062 | 1,637 | 269 | 2,432 | 1,340 | 4,554 |
| Householder or Spouse | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Own Children | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,508 | 914 | 348 | 1,792 | 1,439 | 224 | 1,302 | 1,169 | 3,922 |
| Single Parent | 270 | 106 | 38 | 203 | 154 | 34 | 722 | 136 | 467 |
| Mother Only | 214 | 67 | 29 | 160 | 116 | 31 | 570 | 108 | 347 |
| Father Only | 56 | 39 | 9 | 43 | 38 | 3 | 152 | 28 | 120 |
| Other Relative | 78 | 17 | 17 | 35 | 33 | 9 | 368 | 21 | 97 |
| Nonrelative | 21 | 11 | 3 | 32 | 10 | 2 | 40 | 13 | 64 |
| In Group Quarters | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 87.5 | 92.8 | 91.4 | 95.1 | 92.9 | 90.1 | 76.1 | 91.9 | 92.0 |
| 1980 | 82.5 | 90.4 | 87.5 | 91.8 | 90.6 | 91.9 | 67.0 | 90.6 | 88.7 |
| 1990 | 80.1 | 87.0 | 85.5 | 86.9 | 87.9 | 83.3 | 53.5 | 87.2 | 86.1 |
| All Single Parent | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 7.1 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 11.4 | 5.6 | 5.0 |
| 1980 | 10.7 | 6.1 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 6.9 | 5.1 | 18.9 | 6.1 | 7.5 |
| 1990 | 14.3 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 12.6 | 29.9 | 10.1 | 10.3 |
| Mother Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 5.3 | 1.9 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 10.6 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| 1980 | 9.0 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 6.2 | 2.7 | 16.7 | 4.2 | 6.4 |
| 1990 | 11.4 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 11.5 | 23.4 | 8.1 | 7.6 |
| Father Only | | | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.0 | .3 | 1.4 | .9 | .8 | 1.6 | .9 |
| 1980 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.5 | .7 | .7 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.1 |
| 1990 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 6.3 | 2.1 | 2.6 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -11.7 | -25.1 | -27.8 | 6.7 | -19.4 | -8.3 | -9.2 | -17.0 | 8.0 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -16.8 | -27.0 | -30.8 | 3.0 | -21.3 | -6.5 | -20.0 | -18.2 | 4.2 |
| All Single Parent | 32.0 | 35.7 | 8.8 | 78.1 | 28.8 | 7.1 | 50.3 | -8.7 | 60.8 |
| Mother Only | 48.9 | 93.5 | 7.4 | 69.0 | 71.4 | -27.3 | 42.2 | -13.5 | 67.8 |
| Father Only | -18.2 | -36.0 | 14.3 | 167.0 | -58.8 | 133.0 | 162.0 | 3.4 | 30.0 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 18 | -13.2 | -16.0 | -21.4 | -7.4 | -15.6 | -9.4 | .7 | -13.0 | -2.3 |
| By Family Type | | | | | | | | | |
| Married Couple | -15.7 | -19.1 | -23.2 | -12.3 | -18.1 | -17.9 | -20.7 | -16.2 | -5.1 |
| All Single Parent | 17.0 | 39.5 | 2.7 | 78.1 | 14.9 | 127.0 | 55.9 | 44.7 | 33.8 |
| Mother Only | 9.7 | 11.7 | - | 63.3 | -3.3 | 288.0 | 39.7 | 68.8 | 16.8 |
| Father Only | 55.6 | 144.0 | 12.5 | 169.0 | 17.1 | -57.1 | 176.0 | -6.7 | 131.0 |

Table 1: Living Arrangement for Children under 18: 1970,1980 and 1990

| | Wayne | Webster | Wheeler | York |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|---------|-------|
| 1970 | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 2,910 | 1,943 | 405 | 4,585 |
| Householder or Spouse | 1 | 7 | - | 13 |
| Own Child: | | | | |
| Married Couple | 2,745 | 1,735 | 384 | 4,231 |
| All Single Parent | 120 | 126 | 11 | 176 |
| Mother Only | 109 | 105 | 11 | 150 |
| Father Only | 11 | 21 | - | 26 |
| Other Relative | 34 | 53 | 7 | 88 |
| Not Related to Head & In | | | | |
| Group Quarters | 10 | 22 | 3 | 77 |
| 1980 | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 2,320 | 1,258 | 352 | 4,117 |
| Householder or Spouse | 6 | 5 | - | 12 |
| Own Children: | | | | |
| Married Couple | 2,134 | 1,113 | 318 | 3,618 |
| All Single Parent | 121 | 95 | 28 | 324 |
| Mother Only | 105 | 65 | 22 | 287 |
| Father Only | 16 | 30 | 6 | 37 |
| Other Relative | 31 | 38 | 6 | 100 |
| Nonrelative | 17 | 7 | - | 42 |
| In Group Quarters & | | | | |
| Inmate of Institution | 11 | - | - | 21 |
| 1990 | | | | |
| Children under 18 | 2,257 | 1,014 | 310 | 3,963 |
| Householder or Spouse | 1 | - | 1 | 2 |
| Own Children | | | | |
| Married Couple | 1,969 | 887 | 282 | 3,410 |
| Single Parent | 212 | 70 | 15 | 395 |
| Mother Only | 169 | 57 | 13 | 324 |
| Father Only | 43 | 13 | 2 | 71 |
| Other Relative | 34 | 44 | 8 | 83 |
| Nonrelative | 22 | 13 | 4 | 45 |
| In Group Quarters | 19 | - | - | 28 |
| % of Children/Family Type | | | | |
| Married Couple | | | | |
| 1970 | 94.3 | 89.3 | 94.8 | 92.3 |
| 1980 | 92.0 | 88.5 | 90.3 | 87.9 |
| 1990 | 87.2 | 87.5 | 91.0 | 86.0 |
| All Single Parent | | | | |
| 1970 | 4.1 | 6.5 | 2.7 | 3.8 |
| 1980 | 5.2 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 7.9 |
| 1990 | 9.4 | 6.9 | 4.8 | 10.0 |
| Mother Only | | | | |
| 1970 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 3.3 |
| 1980 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 7.0 |
| 1990 | 7.5 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 8.2 |
| Father Only | | | | |
| 1970 | .4 | 1.1 | - | .6 |
| 1980 | .7 | 2.4 | 1.7 | .9 |
| 1990 | 1.9 | 1.3 | .7 | 1.8 |
| % Change 1970-1980 | | | | |
| Under 18 | -20.3 | -35.3 | -13.1 | -10.2 |
| By Family Type | | | | |
| Married Couple | -22.3 | -35.9 | -17.2 | -14.5 |
| All Single Parent | .8 | -24.6 | 155.0 | 84.1 |
| Mother Only | -3.7 | -38.1 | 100.0 | 91.3 |
| Father Only | 45.5 | 42.9 | - | 42.3 |
| % Change 1980-1990 | | | | |
| Under 18 | -2.7 | -19.4 | -11.9 | -3.7 |
| By Family Type | | | | |
| Married Couple | -7.7 | -20.3 | -11.3 | -5.7 |
| All Single Parent | 75.2 | -26.3 | -46.4 | 21.9 |
| Mother Only | 61.0 | -12.3 | -40.9 | 12.9 |
| Father Only | 169.0 | -56.7 | -66.7 | 91.9 |