

**INSTITUTIONS:
MARRIAGE & FAMILY**

Part II

Diversity in US Families

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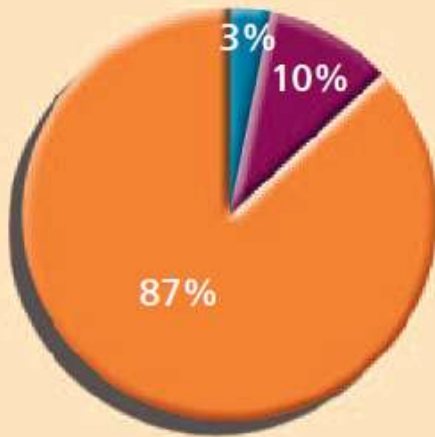
- African-American Families
- Latino Families
- Asian Families
- Native American Families



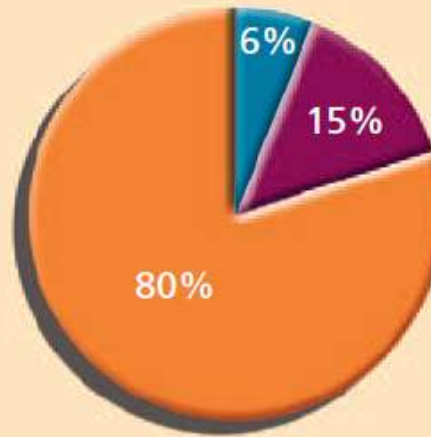
US Family Structure

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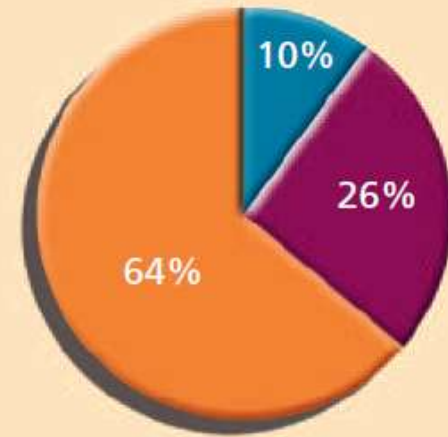
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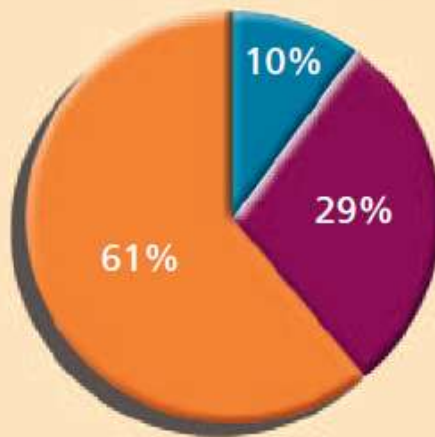
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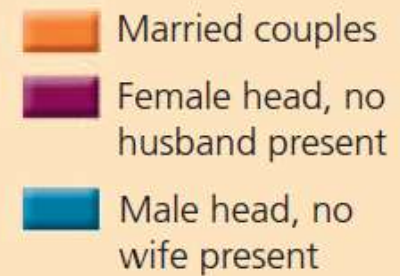
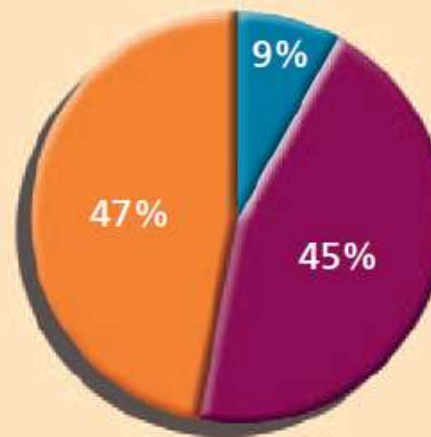
Latinos



Native Americans



African Americans



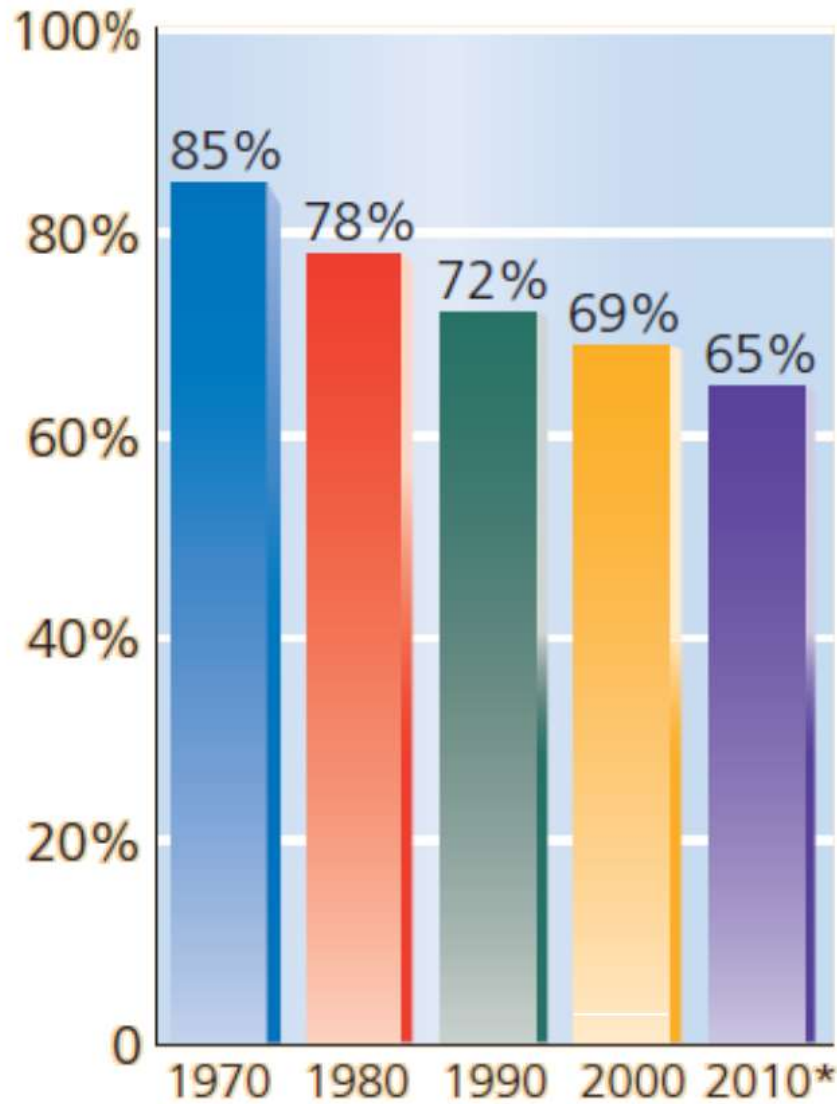
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- One-Parent Families



The percentage of children under 18 who live with both parents



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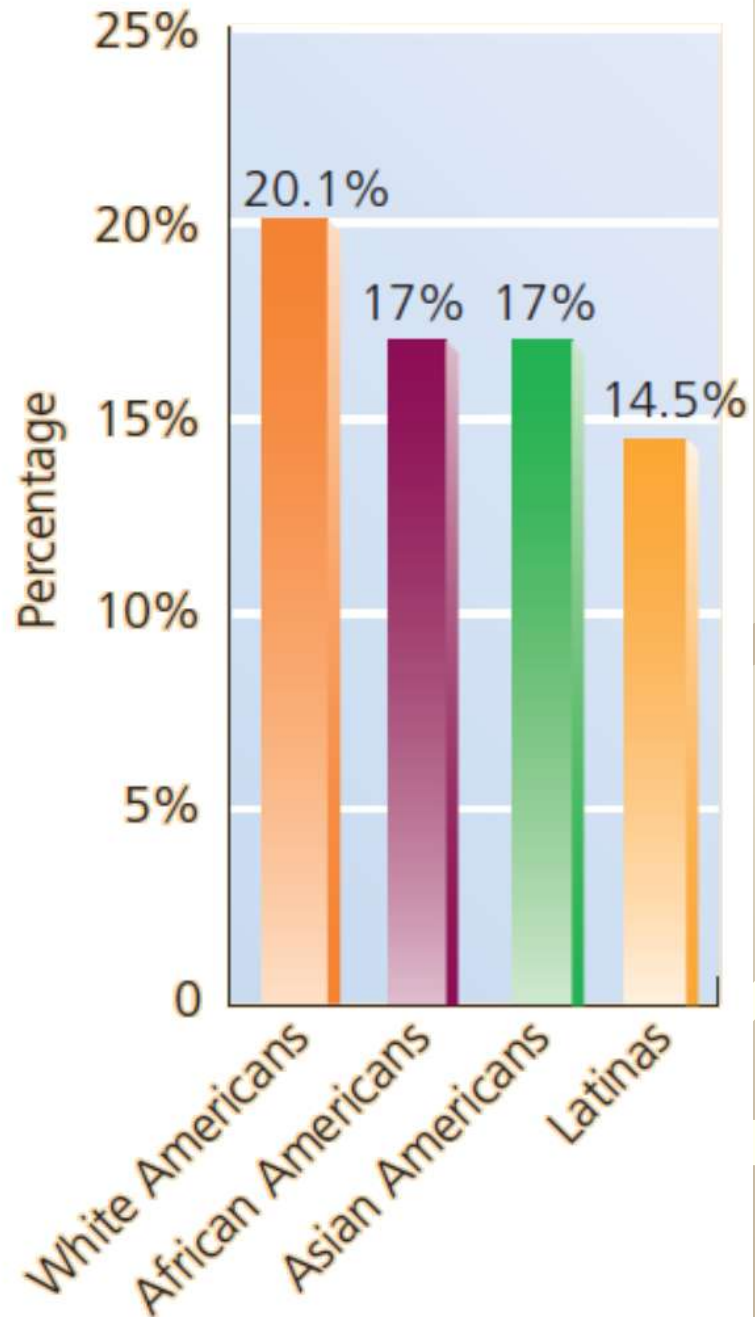
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- One-Parent Families
- Families Without Children



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Percent of US Married Women Who Never Give Birth



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- One-Parent Families
- Families Without Children
- Blended Families
- Gay and Lesbian Families



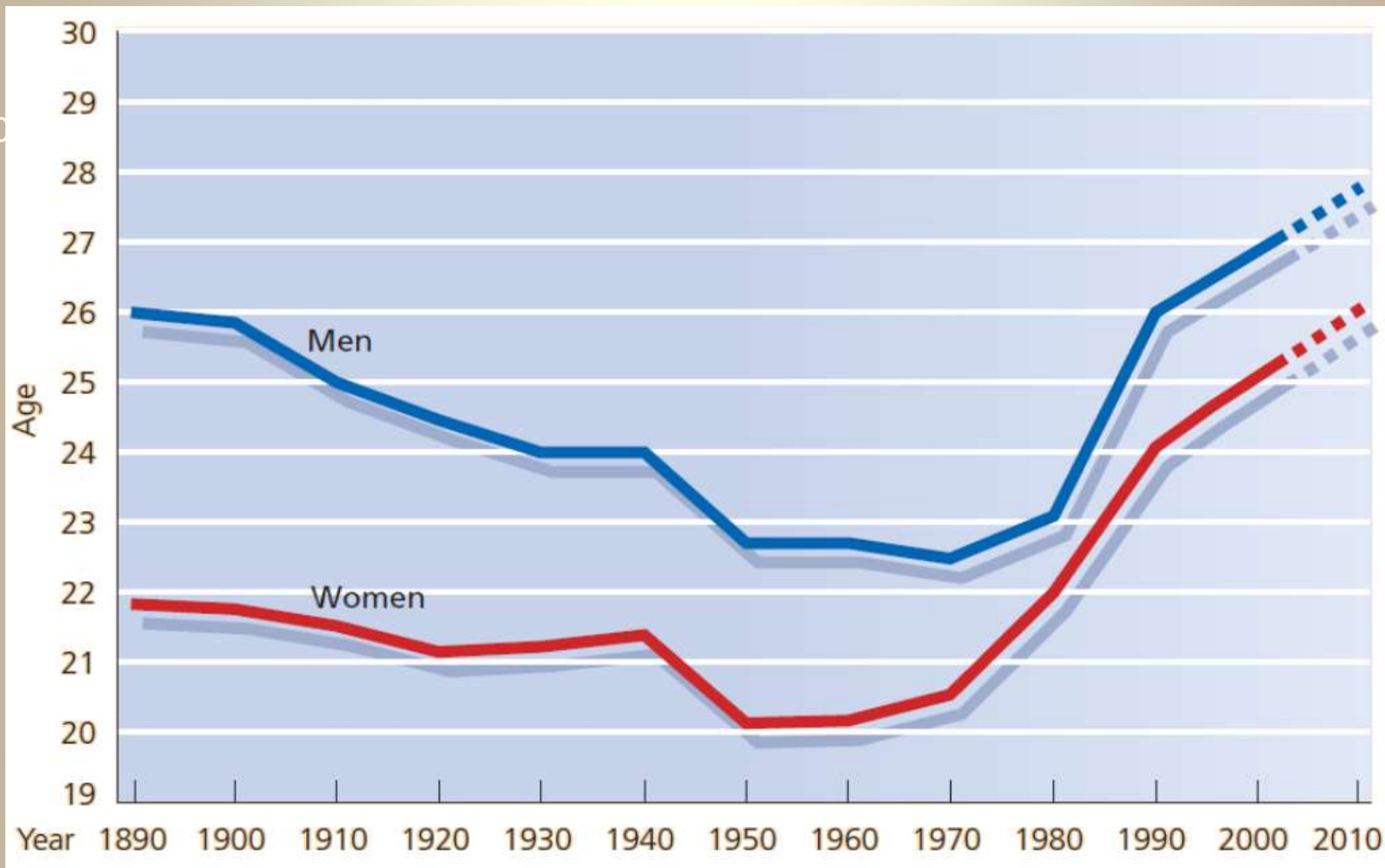
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- Postponing Marriage and Childbirth



Median Age at Which Americans Marry for the 1st Time



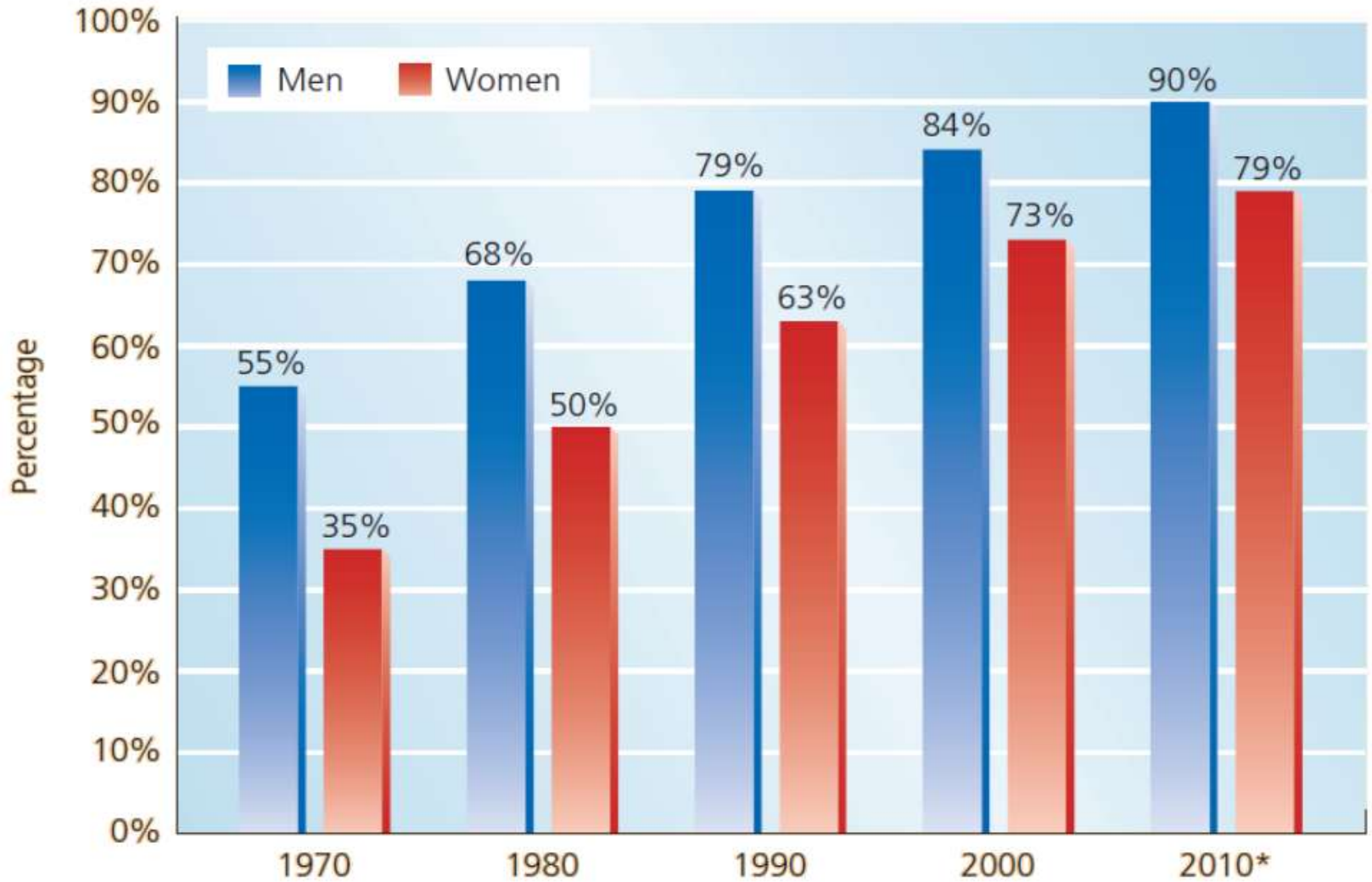
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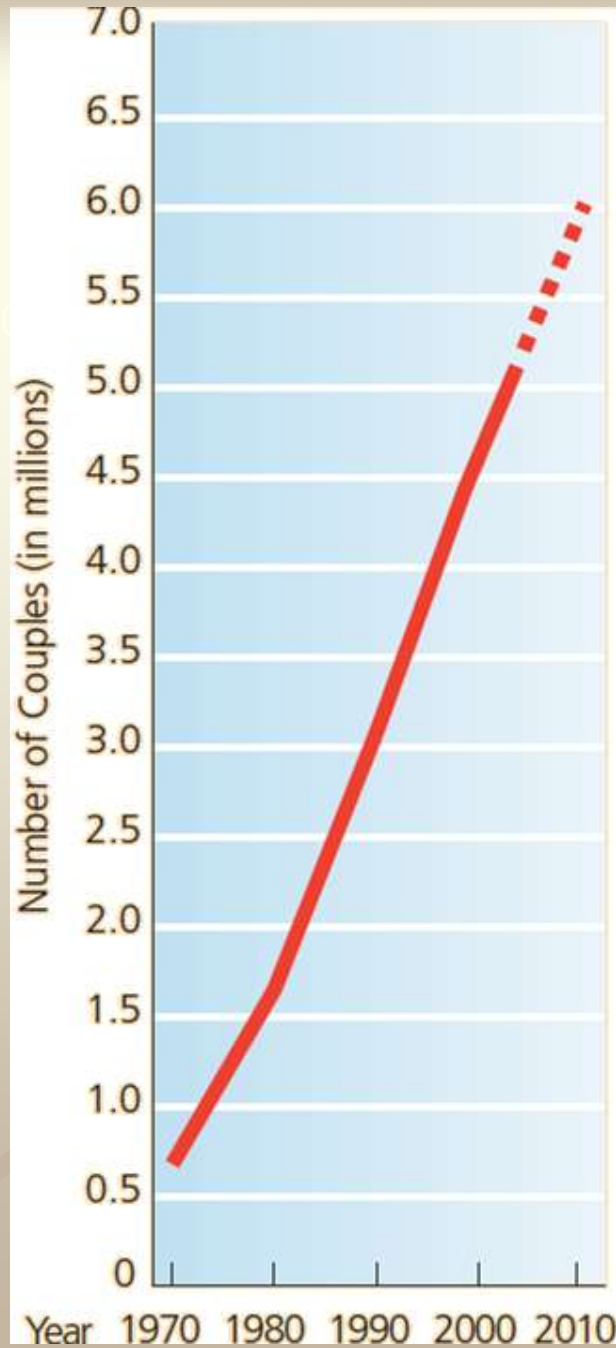
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- Cohabitation
- Unmarried Mothers



Americans Ages 20-24 Who Have Never Married



Cohabitation in the US



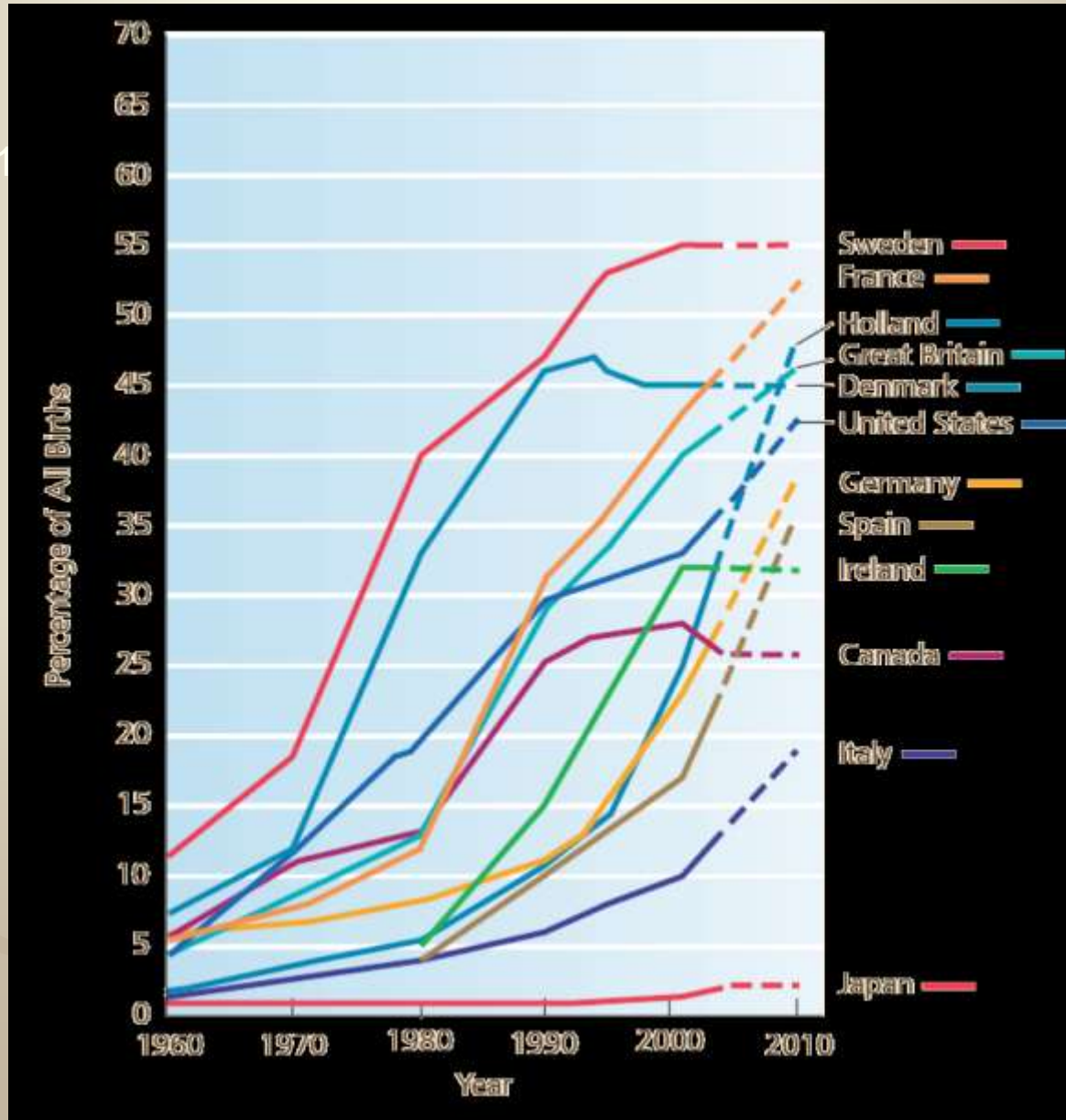
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- **Unmarried Mothers**



Births to Unmarried Women



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- Postponing Marriage and Childbirth
- Cohabitation
- Unmarried Mothers
- Grandparents as Parents
- The Sandwich Generation & Elder Care

Divorce and Remarriage

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- Problems in Measuring Divorce

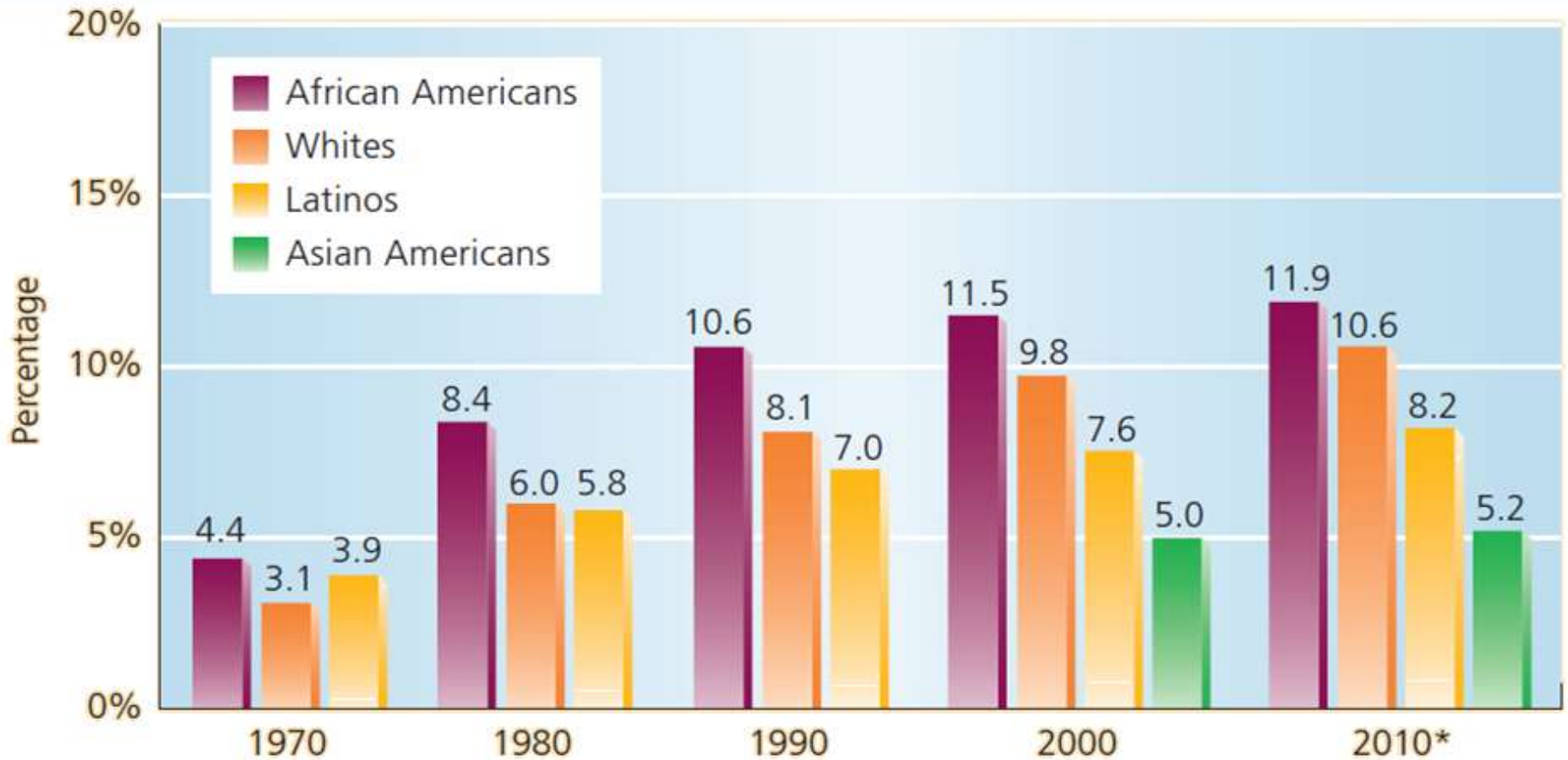




Annual divorces per 100,000 population

- Lower than average: 2.2 to 3.3
- Average: 3.4 to 4.2
- Higher than average: 4.3 to 6.4

What Percent of Americans Are Divorced?

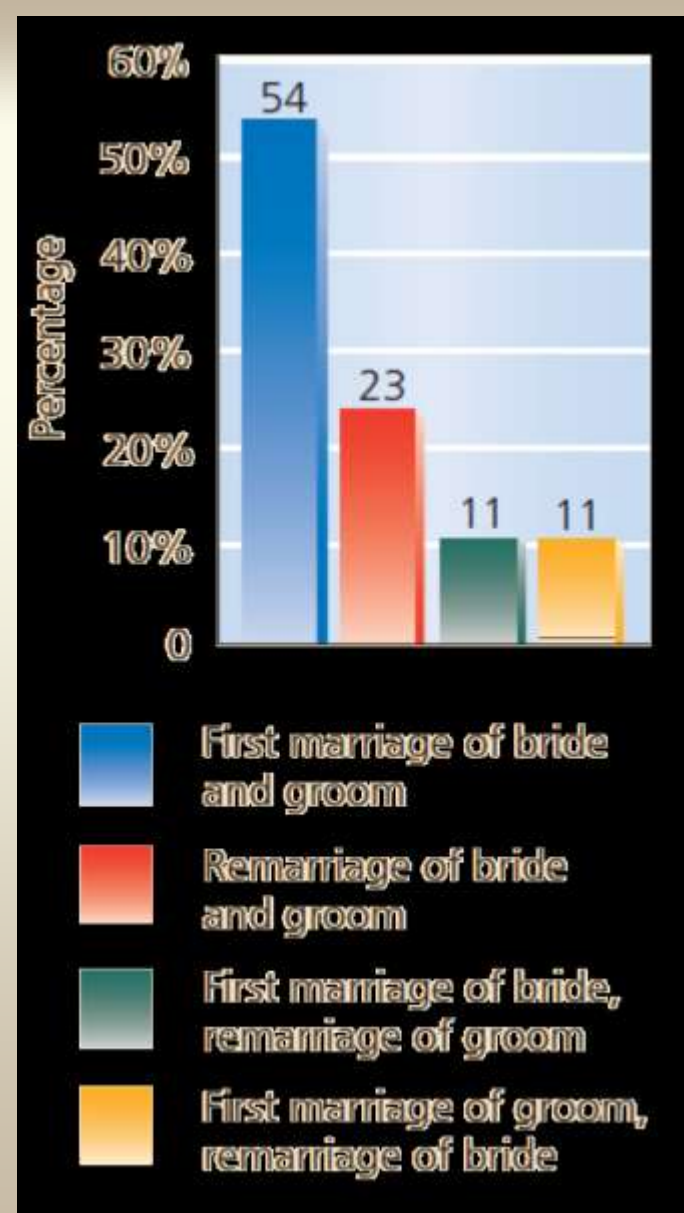
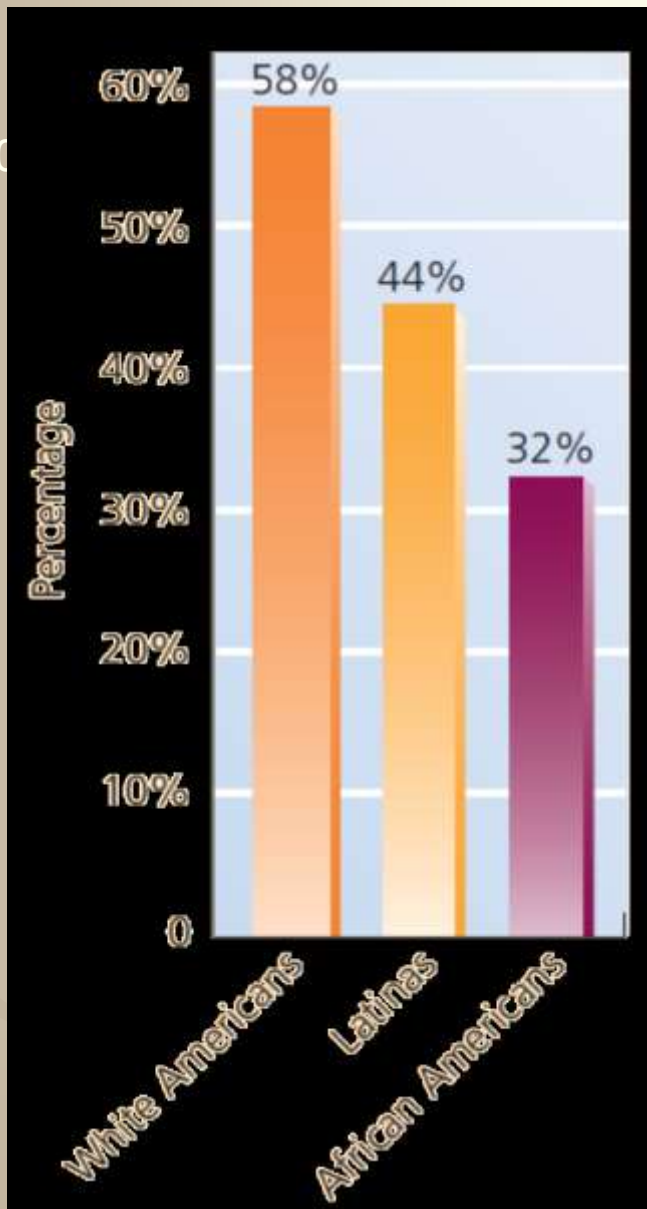


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- Problems in Measuring Divorce
- Children and Grandchildren of Divorce
- Absent Fathers and Serial Fatherhood
- Ex-Spouses
- Remarriage

Probability That Divorced Women Will Remarry in 5 Years



Marital History of US Brides & Grooms²¹

Two Sides of Family Life

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The Dark Side

- Spouse Battering
- Child Abuse
- Marital or Intimacy Rape
- Incest



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The Bright Side—Successful Marriages

- Spouse is Best Friend
- Like Spouse as Person
- Think Marriage is Long-Term Commitment
- Believe Marriage is Sacred

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The Bright Side—Successful Marriages

- Agree with Spouse Aims and Goals
- Believe Spouse Grown More Interesting
- Want Relationship to Succeed
- Laugh Together

Happy Families

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- Spend a Lot of Time Together
- Are Quick to Express Appreciation
- Committed to Promoting Mutual Welfare
- Talk and Listen a Lot
- Are Religious
- Deal with Crises Positively

Symbolic Interactionism and Misuse of Statistics

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- Divorce Statistics Explained
- People are Individuals
- We Create our Own World



The Future of Marriage and Family

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- No Danger of Becoming a Relic
- Cohabitation, Single Mothers, Age at Marriage, Grandparents as Parents will Increase
- Continued Distorted Images of Marriage and Family