

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

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

QUESTION 1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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:

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Sometimes feel rushed</u>	<u>Almost never feel rushed</u>	<u>DK/Ref. (VOL.)</u>
<i>Nov 2012</i>	34	46	18	1
<i>Dec 2005</i>	31	56	12	*
<i>PSRA/National Commission on Children Sept-Nov 1990⁶</i>	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]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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.)	*	*

⁶ 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.

ASK IF LIVING WITH PARTNER (M1=2):

M.2 Have you ever been married?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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)

QUESTIONS 3-4 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18:**E3 Are 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?**]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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 5-6, 9-11**QUESTIONS 7-8 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****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?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
5	Too much	2	8
36	Too little	48	25
59	Right amount	50	66
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*

QUESTION 12 CONTINUED...**Trend:**

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u> (VOL.)
Nov 2012	6	33	60	1

NO QUESTIONS 13-14**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?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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 16-20, 25-28**QUESTIONS 21-24 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****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?]

a. Enjoyable

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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.)	*	*

b. Rewarding

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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

c. Stressful

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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.)	*	*

Q.29 CONTINUED...

d. Tiring

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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.)	*	*

QUESTIONS 30-31 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTION 32****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]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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:

	<u>Difficult</u> <u>(NET)</u>	<u>Very</u> <u>difficult</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>difficult</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>difficult</u> <u>(NET)</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>difficult</u>	<u>Not at</u> <u>all</u> <u>difficult</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u> <u>(VOL.)</u>
<i>Nov 2012</i>	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?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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:

	<u>Makes it</u> <u>harder</u>	<u>Makes it</u> <u>easier</u>	<u>Hasn't made</u> <u>a difference</u>	<u>Depends</u> <u>(VOL.)</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u> <u>(VOL.)</u>
<i>Oct 2013⁷</i>	31	7	62	-	1

⁷ 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".

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?]**

a. Managing your (child's/children's) schedule and activities

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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)

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

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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)

c. Disciplining your (child/children)

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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)

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

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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)

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

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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?]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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 36-39, 45-48, 51, 53, 55-56, 59-61, 64, 66, 69-73, 75-76, 78, 82-85, 87-89, 91

QUESTIONS 40, 41a, 41C, 42-44, 49, 50, 52, 54, 57-58, 62-63, 65, 67-68, 74, 77, 79-81, 86, 90, 92-94, AND SELECTED DEMOGRAPHICS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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**]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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**]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
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:

	<u>You earn more than you spouse/partner</u>	<u>Your spouse/partner earns more than you</u>	<u>You and your spouse/partner earn about the same</u>	<u>DK/Ref. (VOL.)</u>
<i>Gallup/USA Today: Dec 2008⁸</i>	41	28	31	*

⁸ 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?"