

As Family Forms Change, Bonds Remain Strong
**Families Drawn Together
By Communication Revolution**

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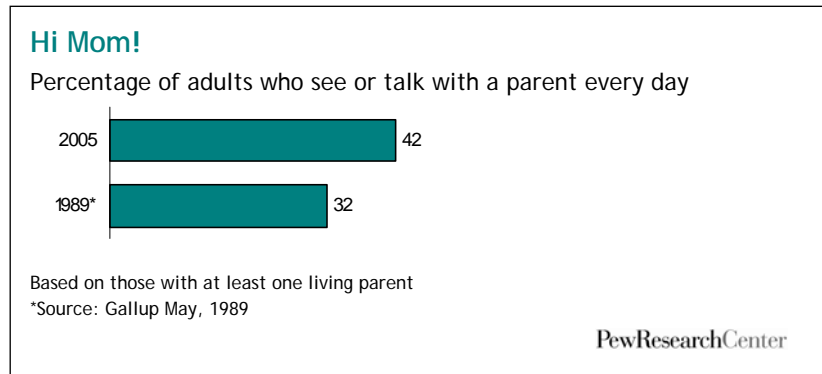
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I. Introduction and Overview

Today is nothing special – just a typical day. So, will you be getting in touch with mom or dad?

For a growing numbers of adult Americans, the answer is yes. They either see or talk to a parent (usually, it's mom) every day, according to a Pew Research Center survey that looks at the nature of family ties and the frequency of family contact. In 1989, a Gallup survey found that just 32% of adults maintained such daily communication with a parent.



This increase in regular daily contact is one of many findings in the Pew survey that highlight the strength and resilience of family bonds in the face of sweeping changes over the past several decades in family structures and living arrangements.

The Pew survey finds that in an era of declining cost and growing ease of phone communication, family members are staying in ever more frequent touch; that family remains the greatest source of satisfaction in people's lives; that most parents and adult children live within an hour's drive of one another; and that when people have personal problems, family is the first place they turn for advice.

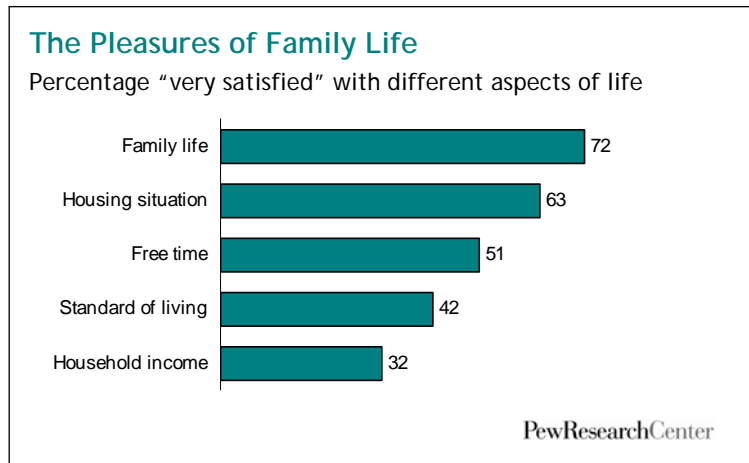
It also finds that nearly three-quarters of adults (73%) report that on an average day they speak with a family member who doesn't live in their house, and nearly one-quarter (24%) say they have a meal with such a relative.

The Pew telephone survey of a nationally representative, randomly-selected sample of 3,014 adults was conducted from Oct. 5 through Nov. 6, 2005.

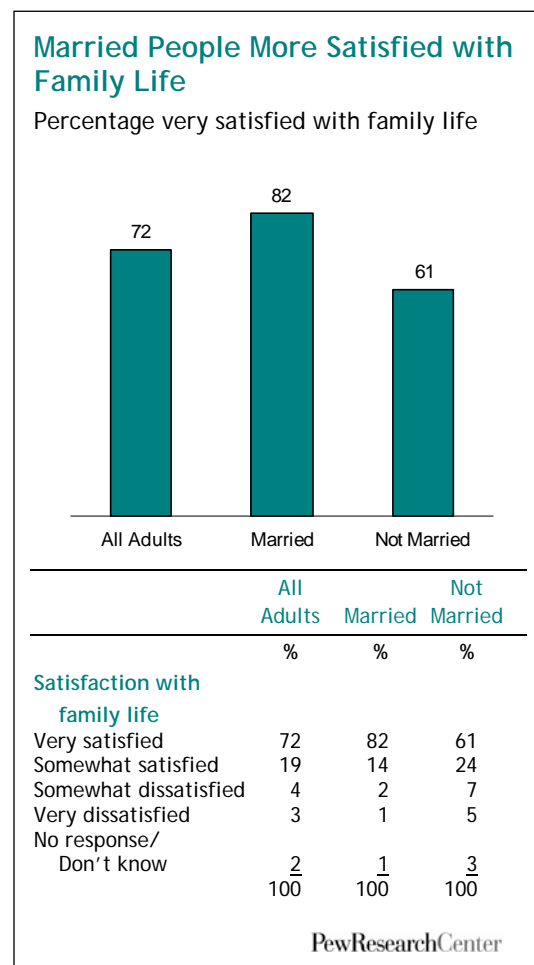
A summary of key findings:

Satisfaction

When people assess the level of satisfaction they derive from different realms of life, family stands at the summit. More than seven-in-ten Americans (72%) say they are very satisfied with their family life, while just 32% say they are very satisfied with their household income; 42% with their standard of living; and 63% with their housing situation. Of those who are employed, 54% say they are very satisfied with their job.



Marriage is a key to family satisfaction. Married people are more likely than unmarried people to say they are very satisfied with their family life – the figures are 82% for married adults compared with 61% for unmarried adults. (Among unmarrieds, those who are divorced or separated are less satisfied with family life than are the widowed or never married).



Contact

For American families, staying in touch is more of an everyday event than it used to be. Among adults with at least one living parent¹, 42% report they either see or talk to a parent every day. Back in 1989, just 32% reported maintaining such daily contact. The Pew survey also finds that another 44% report seeing or talking to a parent at least once a week.

Contact with Parents Is More of an Everyday Event			
	1989*	2005	Change
	%	%	
Frequency of contact with parents			
Every day	32	42	+10
Once a week or more	46	44	-2
Once a month or more	17	10	-7
Several times a year	3	2	-1
Once a year	1	1	0
Less often than that	1	1	0
Don't know	-	-	0
	100	100	
Number of respondents	816	1,875	
Based on adults with at least one parent living			
*Source: Gallup May, 1989			
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¹ Approximately 1% of those included with “at least one parent living” have no living mother or father but say a stepparent plays an important role in their life.

Distant family members phone each other more frequently than they used to. The most significant increase since 1989 in daily contact between adult children and their parents has occurred among those family members who live in different towns from each other. The Pew survey finds that 22% of adults with at least one parent living see or talk to their out-of-town parent or parents daily, while the 1989 Gallup survey found that just 8% of this group of adults had daily contact with their out-of-town parent or parents. In the Pew survey, another 56% of adults see or talk to their out-of-town parents at least once a week.

This increase in daily communication among family members who live in different towns coincides with sharp reductions in the cost of long-distance telephone calls. According to the Federal Communications Commission, a long-distance interstate phone call cost an average of 28 cents per minute in 1989 and fell to an average of just 7 cents per minute in 2003, after adjusting for inflation. In addition, the wireless phone revolution has provided many people with near constant opportunities throughout the day to stay in touch with family and friends. In 2004, there were 182 million cell phone subscribers in the U.S.; back in 1990, there were just 5 million.

More Frequent Contact with Parents Who Live Out-of-Town
 Percentage who talk to or see a parent every day

	1989*	2005	Change
	%	%	
Parents live...			
In your house	92	98	+6 ^{ns}
In same town	49	56	+7 ^{ns}
Out of town	8	22	+14 [^]

Based on those with at least one parent living
^{ns}Difference is not statistically significant
[^]Difference is statistically significant
 *Source: Gallup May, 1989

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The Telephone Revolution
 Long-Distance Costs Plummet; Cell Phone Usage Explodes

	1989	2003
Average cost per minute for long-distance calls*	\$0.28	\$0.07

	1990	2004
Cell phone subscribers**	5.3 mil.	182.1 mil.

*Average revenue per minute for interstate calls in 2003 dollars. Source: Trends in Telephone Service, Federal Communications Commission, June 2005.
 **Source: Statistical Abstract of the United States produced by the U.S. Census Bureau

Emails also add a bit to the daily diet of family contact. Emailing has also opened up a new way for family members to stay in touch; some 24% of adults with a living parent say that they at least occasionally exchange emails with a parent, and 30% of parents with an independent adult child say they at least occasionally exchange emails with a child. However, the practice of sending family emails on a daily basis is rare – just 3% of adults with parents report exchanging emails with them every day, while another 10% say they email their parents weekly. Moreover, most people who email family members daily also either see or talk to family members daily. As a result, when emails are added to the overall mix of daily family communication, the percentage of adults and their parents who are in daily contact rise only marginally – to 43%, from 42%.

Frequency of Contact with Parents				
Emailing, seeing, and talking on phone with parents				
	Email	See	Phone	See or Phone
	%	%	%	%
How often do you do [this] with your parents?				
Every day	3	24	32	42
Once a week or more	10	30	47	44
Once a month or more	8	15	11	10
Several times a year	3	17	2	2
Once a year	*	7	1	1
Less often than that	*	7	5	1
Never	76	--	--	--
Don't know	*	*	2	*
	100	100	100	100

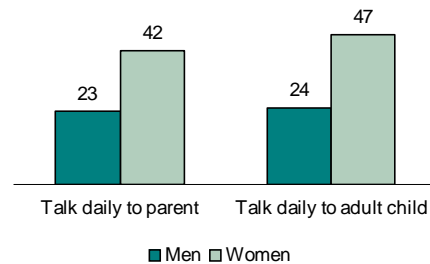
Based on adults with at least one parent living

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Women talk on phone with family more often than men. Among women, the phone occupies a special place in the family communications arsenal. While an equal number of women and men (24%) who have a parent report that they see a parent daily, more women (42%) than men (23%) report talking to a parent daily on the telephone. By a somewhat smaller margin, women (28%) are also more likely than men (20%) to report that they at least occasionally exchange emails with a parent. When it comes to contact with an independent adult child, the gender patterns are broadly similar. More mothers (28%) than fathers (20%) report seeing such an adult child daily, but there is a bigger gap in the percentage of mothers (47%) and fathers (24%) who talk to such a child daily. The same number of mothers and fathers (30%) report occasionally emailing such a child.

Women Phone Family More Often

Talk on the phone every day



	All Adults	Men	Women
	%	%	%
Talk with parents*			
Daily	32	23	42
Weekly	47	52	41
Less often	19	23	15
Don't know	2	2	2
	100	100	100
Talk with adult child**			
Daily	37	24	47
Weekly	48	55	43
Less often	13	19	9
Don't know	2	2	1
	100	100	100

*Based on 1,875 respondents with at least one parent living

**Based on 1,304 respondents with a financially independent adult child, ages 18 and older

Whites more likely to marry; blacks keep in more regular contact with parents. The survey finds some racial and ethnic differences in patterns of family formation and family contact. More whites (81%) than blacks (63%) or Hispanics (72%) have ever been married, while more blacks (59%) than whites (39%) or Hispanics (42%) are in daily contact with at least one parent (usually mom)². Members of all three groups are equally likely to report a close relationship with their mother, but among those whose father is still living, blacks (60%) are less likely than whites (78%) to report a close relationship with their father.

	White*	Black	Hispanic**
	%	%	%
How often do you do see or talk to your parents?			
Every day	39	59	42
Once a week or more	47	31	36
Once a month or more	10	5	17
Several times a year	2	3	2
Once a year	1	0	1
Less often than that	1	2	2
Don't know	-	0	0
	100	100	100
Number of respondents	1,352	222	207

Based on those with a least one parent living
 *Whites include only non-Hispanic whites.
 **Hispanics are of any race. Interviews conducted in English and Spanish.

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² All references to whites refer to non-Hispanic whites; Hispanics refers to respondents of any race.

Closeness: Geographic and Emotional

Most family members still live near each other. Despite a popular perception that the United States is an ever-more geographically-mobile society, families are not significantly more spread out now than they were in the late 1980s. Nearly two-thirds of respondents (65%) to the Pew survey who have a living parent or parents say they live within an hour’s drive of that parent or parents, compared with 67% who said the same in the Gallup survey in 1989. The Pew survey also finds that 72% of parents with an independent adult child report living within an hour’s drive of that child, and that 70% of adults who have a sibling report living within a four hour’s drive of at least one sibling.

Most Families Not So Spread Out

Proximity to Other Family Members

	Parent*	Adult Child**
	%	%
How far away do [they] live...		
In your household	14	14
In your city or town	27	30
Less than an hour away	24	28
Less than 4 hour’s drive	12	11
Farther	23	17
Don’t know	*	*
	100	100
Number of respondents	1,875	1,304

*Based on those with at least one living parent

**Based on those with a financially independent child, ages 18 and older

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Mom is still the family anchor; dad is doing a bit better.

When it comes to family communication, mom is still the undisputed champ. Among those adults who have both parents living, 61% say they have the most contact with their mother, while just 18% say they have the most contact with their father. But dad is closing the gap a bit in at least some measures of family ties. Asked whether their relationship with each of their parents is “close” or “distant,” 87% in the Pew survey say they are close to their mother while 74% say they are close to their father. In the 1989 Gallup survey, the mom-dad gap was wider: 90% reported being close to mom while just 69% reported being close to dad.

Dad Closing the Gap in Felt Closeness

Which word best describes your relationship with ...?

	1989*		2005	
	Mother	Father	Mother	Father
	%	%	%	%
Close	90	69	87	74
Distant	7	24	11	22
Neither (vol.)	3	7	2	3
Don’t know	*	*	*	1
	100	100	100	100
Number of respondents	769	597	1,752	1,320

Based on those with living mother or father

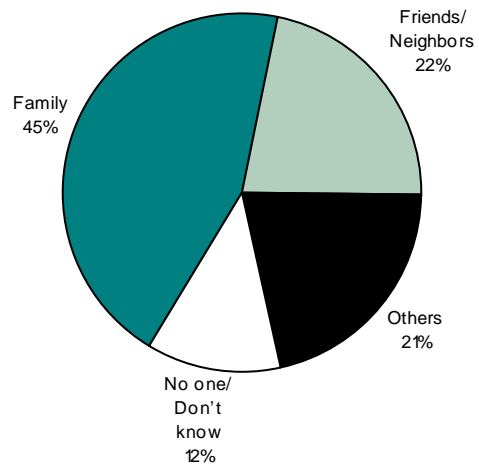
*Source: Gallup May, 1989

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Family is a port in a storm... Asked whom they turn to for advice when they have a serious personal problem, nearly half (45%) of survey respondents named a member of their family. (Married respondents were asked to name someone other than their spouse). Among family members, “mother” got the most mentions (17%), followed by brother or sister (11%), child (8%), father (6%). As for mentions of non-family members, 22% named a friend, neighbor or co-worker while 21% gave some other response.

A Shoulder to Lean On

Who do you turn to for advice when you have a serious personal problem?



All Adults	
	%
Family (TOTAL)	45
Mother	17
Father	6
Both parents	1
Brother, sister	11
Child, son, daughter	8
Grandparent, grandmother, grandfather	1
Grandchild	*
Aunt, uncle, cousin	1
In-law	*
Friends/Neighbors (TOTAL)	22
Family (not specified)	*
Friend or neighbor	20
Co-worker	2
Other (TOTAL)	21
Religious advisor	7
Psychologist or other therapist	2
Other	1
Religious scripture/Jesus/God	11
No one	10
Don't know	2
	100

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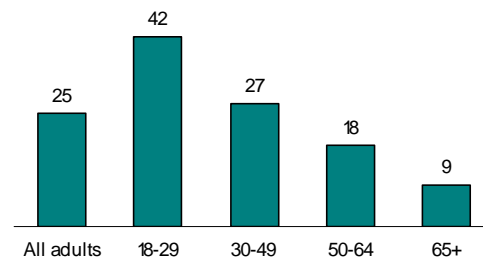
...and sometimes a source of turbulence. A quarter of all adults report that they had an argument with a family member not living in their household during the past year. Younger adults are much more likely to say this than older ones; 42% of adults ages 18 to 29 say they've argued with family in the past year. By contrast, just 9% of those ages 65 and older say the same.

Family events, meals, talks. More than three-quarters (76%) of all adults say that in the past year they have been to a large family gathering for a holiday or other social event. This figure is up from 70% in the Gallup 1989 survey.

In addition, nearly one-quarter (24%) say that in the past day they had a meal with a family member who does not live in the same household with them. And nearly three-quarters (73%) say that in the past day they talked to a family member who doesn't live in the same household. Women are more likely than men to have talked and shared a meal with such a relative.

Family Feuds

Percentage who had an argument in the past year with a family member not living in their household



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Family Occasions

	All Adults	Men	Women
	%	%	%
Been to a large family get-together in past year			
Yes	76	75	77
No	24	25	23
Don't know	*	*	*
	100	100	100
Talked with a family member not living in your house yesterday			
Yes	73	66	79
No	27	33	21
Don't know	*	1	*
	100	100	100
Had a meal with a family member not living in your house yesterday			
Yes	24	21	26
No	76	79	74
Don't know	*	*	*
	100	100	100

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Another report based on this same survey focuses on patterns of intergenerational obligations and dependencies within families, with a particular emphasis on family members who are a part of the Baby Boom generation. It can be viewed at pewresearch.org.

About the Survey

Results for this survey are based on telephone interviews conducted with a nationally representative sample of adults, ages 18 years and older, living in continental U.S. telephone households.

- Interviews conducted October 5-November 6, 2005
- 3,014 interviews
- Margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2 percentage points for results based on the total sample at the 95% confidence level. The margin of sampling error is higher for results based on subgroups of respondents.

Survey interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

In addition to sampling error, bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias in the findings of opinion polls.

II. Diversity in Family and Household Structures

When commentators talk about the traditional family, the image they typically conjure is a group portrait that consists of mom, dad and the kids. As of 2004, however, fewer than a quarter (23%) of all U.S. households were made up of such a family grouping, down from 40% in 1970, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. About three-in-ten (29%) of all households in 2004 were made up of married couples without any children living at home, and another quarter (26%) were made up of single people (a significant increase since 1970, when just 17% of households were made up of single people). The remaining quarter or so of all households in 2004 were made up either of other kinds of family groupings (such as a single parent and children) or non-family households (such as unrelated adults).

Non-Family Living Arrangements on the Rise

Profile of U.S. Households

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Married couples	74	70	61	56	53	52
Single, living alone	13	17	23	25	26	26
Other living situation	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100
Family with kids < 18		45	38	34	33	32
Family with kids <18 headed by married couple		40	31	26	24	23

Source: Statistical Abstract of the United States produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

This sharp increase over the past generation in the variety of family types and household structures occurred mostly during the 1970s and 1980s – a period of time when divorce and out-of-wedlock birth rates both accelerated rapidly while marriage rates declined. All of these demographic trends have leveled off since the early 1990s but have not significantly reversed. As a result, it is more common now than it was a generation or two ago for the American family and the American household to be made up of diverse shapes and structures. There are more blended families, more single parent families, more step parents and step children and more people either living alone or in non-family households.

But with all these changes, family remains the bedrock institution in people’s lives. And while no survey can by itself take in the full measure of the importance of family, the findings of the Pew survey underscore the degree to which family members of all stripes and varieties are staying in ever closer contact as they continue to play their traditional role of providing nurture and support.

Who’s in your family?

Most adults (90%) have at least one brother or sister; nearly seven-in-ten (68%) have one or more parents still living; and about one-in-three have a living grandparent. Not suprisingly, as adults grow older, they grow less likely to have living relatives of this kind.

Nearly three-quarters (73%) of adults have had children and 27% have not. Here, again predictably, the impact of age works in the opposite direction – as adults grow older, they are more likley to have children.

About three-in-ten (32%) adults have grandchildren. A majority of adults ages 50 and older have grandchildren – the figures are 56% among those 50 to 64 and 82% among those 65 and older.

Family Relationships					
	All Adults	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%
Have brother or sister?					
Yes	90	92	94	91	78
No	10	8	6	9	22
Refused	*	*	*	*	0
	100	100	100	100	100
At least one parent living?					
Yes	68	98	88	51	9
No	32	2	12	49	91
	100	100	100	100	100
Any living grandparents?					
Yes	29	79	31	2	*
No	71	21	69	98	100
Refused	*	*	0	0	*
	100	100	100	100	100
Parenting status					
Have children	73	39	78	84	89
Under 18 only	28	38	51	4	*
18 and older only	36	*	12	71	87
Both under and over 18	9	1	15	9	2
No children	27	61	22	16	11
Don't know/refused	*	*	*	0	0
	100	100	100	100	100
Have grandkids?					
Yes	32	*	11	56	82
No	41	39	67	28	7
No children	27	61	22	16	11
Don't know/refused	*	*	*	0	0
	100	100	100	100	100
Number of respondents	3,014	447	1,067	816	633

Marriage and beyond. Some 55% of adults are currently married and 77% have been married at some point in their lives. About a fifth (22%) have never been married. The likelihood of ever having been married increases with age; among those ages 65 and older, fully 96% have ever been married – but just half that group (47%) are currently married, with the rest either divorced or widowed.

Marital Status					
	All Adults	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%
Experience with Marriage					
Ever married	77	36	83	91	96
Currently married	55	31	66	62	47
Been married, not married now	22	5	17	29	49
Never married	22	63	17	8	4
Don't know/refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	*	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	100	100	100	100	100
Number of respondents	3,014	447	1,067	816	633

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About 7% of all adults report living with a partner as their current marital status. Those doing so are split between those who have married before (3%) and those who have never been married (4%). While few adults report being in this situation, a much larger number – 33% – report that they have a family member who is living with a boyfriend or girlfriend.

Partnering Without Marriage	
	All Adults
	%
Currently living with a partner?	
Total	7
Ever been married	3
Never been married	4
Have a family member living with a partner?	
Yes	33
No	65
Don't know	<u>2</u>
	100

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Step families. Some 12% of all adults say they have a living stepparent who played an important role in their life. Among adults under age 30 that figure rises to 21%. The likelihood of having a stepparent does not vary significantly across racial or ethnic lines. Just under one-in-ten (8%) adults say they have a stepsibling who played an important role in their life. Blacks are a bit more likely to say this (15%) than either whites (7%) or Hispanics (10%). Those under age 50 (10%) are more likely to have a stepbrother or stepsister who played in important role in their lives than those age 50 and older (5%).

Also, 11% of all adults have one or more stepchildren. As with having children of any age, those under age 30 are less likely to have stepchildren (just 2% do); there are no significant differences in having stepchildren among the older age groups. Blacks and whites are about equally likely to have stepchildren (14% for blacks and 11% for whites); Hispanics are a bit less likely to have stepchildren (7%).

Prevalence of Step Families

	All Adults
	%
Have living stepparent(s) who played an important role in your life?	
Yes	12
No	88
Refused	* -
	100
Have stepbrothers/stepsisters who played an important role in your life?	
Yes	8
No	92
Refused	* -
	100
Have stepchildren, including adults who live on their own?	
Yes	11
No	66
Never Married	22
Refused	1 -
	100

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Other forms of family diversity.

About a fifth (22%) of all adults say they have an immediate family member or close relative married to someone of another race. More blacks (37%) say this than do whites (17%) or Hispanics (27%).

Also, a fifth of adults have immediate family living in another country.

Predictably, the group most likely to say this is Hispanics, 54% of whom in this survey were born outside the U.S.

Among these Hispanic immigrants, fully 80% report having immediate family members or close relatives living in other countries. Among Hispanics born in the U.S., about a quarter say they have immediate family members or close relatives living in foreign lands.

Diverse Family Situations				
Have an immediate family member or close relative who...				
	All Adults	White*	Black	Hispanic**
	%	%	%	%
Is married to someone of a different race?				
Yes	22	17	37	27
No	77	83	62	72
Don't know/refused	<u>1</u>	*	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	100	100	100	100
Lives in a country other than the U.S.?				
Yes	20	12	22	57
No	80	88	77	41
Don't know/refused	*	*	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	100	100	100	100
Number of respondents	3,014	2,272	327	271

*White includes only non-Hispanic whites.
 **Hispanics are of any race. Interviews conducted in English and Spanish.

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III. Satisfaction with Family Life

Family life satisfaction surpasses other aspects of life. Family life is more satisfying to more people than any other aspect of life rated in this survey. Financial aspects of life are least satisfying; about a third (32%) are very satisfied with their household income while 42% are very satisfied with their standard of living. About half (51%) are very satisfied with their free time. Better than six-in-ten are very satisfied with their housing situation.

Family life is also more likely to be a source of satisfaction than work life.

Among those employed, 54% are very satisfied with their job while 74% of the employed are very satisfied with their family life.

Satisfaction Highest for Family Life

Percentage satisfied with each aspect of life

	---Satisfied---		---Dissatisfied---		No answer
	Very	Some-what	Some-what	Very	
	%	%	%	%	%
Satisfaction with...					
Family life	72	19	4	3	2=100
Housing situation	63	25	6	5	1=100
Free time	51	28	9	7	5=100
Standard of living	42	37	11	9	1=100
Household income	32	38	14	12	4=100
Among the employed:					
Your job	54	30	7	5	4=100

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Marriage enhances family

satisfaction. When it comes to satisfaction with family life, there are no significant differences between men and women; or between younger adults and older adults; or between different racial and ethnic groups. And, there are only modest differences by income groups.

However, significant differences surface when it comes to marital status. Married people are more satisfied with family life (82%) than are the unmarried (61%).

Once marital status is taken into account, there are no significant differences in family life satisfaction among those who do and do not have children. Fully 81% of those who are married with no children are very satisfied with family life; so too are 82% of those married with children. Among the unmarried, 59% of those with children are very satisfied with family life while 63% of those without children are very satisfied with family life.

Who's More Satisfied with Family Life?

	---Satisfied---		---Dissatisfied---		No answer
	Very	Some-what	Some-what	Very	
	%	%	%	%	%
Family Life Satisfaction					
All adults	72	19	4	3	2=100
Men	73	18	4	3	2=100
Women	71	19	5	3	2=100
Age					
18-29	73	19	3	3	2=100
30-49	73	19	4	4	*=100
50-64	72	17	6	3	2=100
65 and older	70	17	4	3	6=100
Race and Ethnicity					
White*	74	17	4	3	2=100
Black	68	21	6	3	2=100
Hispanic**	70	20	4	3	3=100
Income					
Under \$30,000	62	22	7	6	3=100
\$30,000-\$49,999	71	19	5	4	1=100
\$50,000-\$99,999	78	16	2	3	1=100
\$100,000 or more	79	17	2	1	1=100
Parenting Status					
Have children under 18	75	17	4	3	1=100
Have adult children only	73	17	4	3	3=100
No children	67	23	4	4	2=100
Marital and Parenting Status					
Married	82	14	2	1	1=100
With children under 18	82	13	2	2	1=100
With adult children only	82	13	2	2	1=100
No children	81	16	1	2	0=100
Not married	61	24	7	5	3=100
With children under 18	59	25	8	7	1=100
With adult children only	59	22	7	5	7=100
No children	63	25	5	4	3=100

*White includes only non-Hispanic whites.

**Hispanics are of any race. Interviews conducted in English and Spanish.

Measuring specific relationships within families. Asked about specific relationships within their immediate family, respondents gave nearly identical assessments of their levels of satisfaction with their spouse and their children and slightly lower marks to their parents. Fully 84% of married adults report that they are very satisfied with their marital relationships, while 82% of parents report that they are very satisfied with their relationship with their children and 74% of adults with at least one living parent report they are very satisfied with their relationship with their parent(s).

Men and women are about equally likely to report being very satisfied with all these relationships.

Among adults with both parents living, those whose parents live together are more likely than those whose parents live apart – by a margin of 81% to 66% -- to report being very satisfied with their relationship with their parents.

	---Satisfied---		---Dissatisfied---		No answer
	Very	Some-what	Some-what	Very	
	%	%	%	%	%
Relationship with your spouse					
All married	84	12	1	2	1=100
Married men	86	11	1	1	1=100
Married women	83	12	2	2	1=100
Relationship with your children					
All parents	82	13	2	2	1=100
Fathers	80	14	2	3	1=100
Mothers	84	12	1	1	2=100
Relationship with your parents					
All with living parent	74	18	3	3	2=100
Sons	73	19	2	3	3=100
Daughters	74	18	3	2	2=100

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IV. Contact

Better than eight-in-ten adults (86%) with at least one living parent keep in touch with their parent(s) at least weekly, and nine-in-ten parents with adult children keep in touch with an adult child at least weekly.

Close proximity means more family contact. Not surprisingly, the frequency of contact among adult family members is correlated both to geographic proximity as well as to feelings of closeness and family satisfaction. When parents and financially independent adult children live in the same household (14% of all adults with such children are in this arrangement), the incidence of daily contact obviously is greatest, and it declines as distance increases. Frequency of contact is also correlated with the perceived quality of the family relationship. For example, 81% of all adults who maintain daily contact with a parent report being very satisfied with their relationship with their parents, while just 43% of adults who are in touch with their parents less than once a week report being very satisfied with their relationship with their parents.

Living Closer to Parents Means More Contact

People with Parents Living...

	All Adults	In House	In Town	Out of Town
	%	%	%	%
Frequency of seeing or talking to parents				
Every Day	42	98	56	22
Once a week or more	44	2	39	56
Once a month or more	10	0	4	15
Several times a year	2	0	*	4
Once a year	1	0	*	1
Less often than that	1	0	1	2
Don't know	*	0	0	0
	100	100	100	100
Number of respondents	1,875	224	501	1,144

Based on those with at least one parent living

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Child, Parent, Sibling. Asked which family member (other than a spouse) they have the most contact with, one-third of respondents (33%) named a parent, about one-third (34%) named a child, one-in-five (20%) named a sibling, and small percentages named an in-law, a grandparent or other relatives. Among adults who have children, the pattern of reported family contact changes a bit: some 46% name their children as the relative with whom they have the most contact, while 25% name their parents. About the same number of men and women report that their parents are the family member with whom they have the most contact, although men are a bit more likely than women to name dad while women are a bit more likely to say mom. Women (37%) are also somewhat more likely than men (31%) to say that they have the most contact with their children.

Which family member do you have the most contact with?

	All Adults	Men	Women
	%	%	%
Parent (NET)	33	34	32
Mother	26	24	28
Father	7	12	4
Both (not specified)	1	1	1
Child, son, daughter	34	31	37
Brother, sister	20	21	20
Grandparent	1	1	1
Grandchild	1	1	1
Other	8	8	9
Don't know	3	4	3

Percentages do not total to 100% due to multiple responses

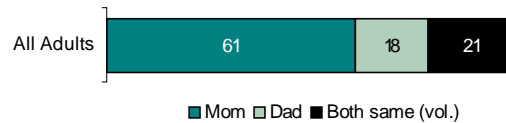
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Patterns of contact with mom and dad vary by gender and race.

Among adults with both parents living, people are much more likely to say they have the most contact with mom (61%) rather than dad (18%), with the remainder of respondents (21%) volunteering equal contact with both. The tilt toward mom is even stronger among women, 70% of whom report they have the most contact with their mother, compared with just 12% percent who say they have the most contact with their father. It is less pronounced among men, who by a ratio of just 50% to 25%, say they have more contact with mom over dad. As for racial groups, blacks (72%) are more likely than whites (59%) or Hispanics (59%) to report more contact with mom over dad.

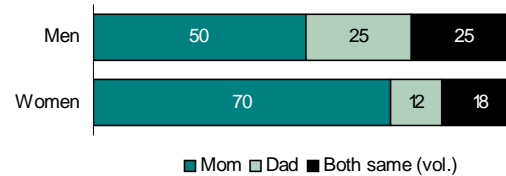
Mom's The Point Person

With which parent do you have the most contact?



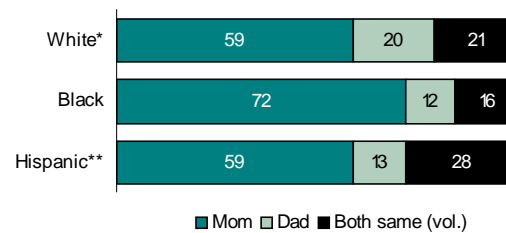
Based on 1,107 respondents with both parents living

Daughters are especially likely to contact mom more than dad



Based on those with both parents living

Blacks are especially likely to contact mom more than dad



Based on those with both parents living

* White includes only non-Hispanic whites.

**Hispanics are of any race. Interviews conducted in English and Spanish.

Family email patterns vary by gender, race, age and proximity. About 63% of adult Americans say they send or receive email at least occasionally, but email is not a widely-used mode of family communication. Only about a quarter (24%) of all adults who have parents email a parent at least occasionally; that figure rises to a third among email users with at least one parent living. Emailing the younger generation is a bit more common; three-in-ten of all adults with a financially independent adult child email such a child at least occasionally (that figure rises to nearly six-in-ten among email users with such a child). About two-in-ten (18%) adults and 28% of email users report emailing a relative not living in their household yesterday.

There are some notable demographic variations in how this relatively new form of communication plays out within families. While men and women are now about equally likely to use email, women are more likely than men to email family members. Among email users, 37% of women compared with 29% of men report emailing a parent at least occasionally; and a third of women compared with 22% of men report emailing a relative who doesn't live in their household yesterday. When it comes to contact with adult children, men and women who use email are about equally likely to say they ever email an independent adult child; women, however, are more likely than men to report doing so weekly or more often.

Even after taking into account the digital divide among racial and ethnic groups, more whites than blacks report emailing a relative yesterday. Nearly three-in-ten (29%) white email users report emailing a relative not living in their household yesterday, compared with 16% among black email users. About a fifth (22%) of Hispanic email users say they sent an email to a relative not living in their household yesterday, a figure that is not significantly different than either black or white email users.

Emailing Relatives		
	All Adults	Email Users
	%	%
Ever email a parent?*		
Yes	24	33
No	76	67
Don't know	*	0
	100	100
Number of respondents	1,875	1,386
Ever email an adult child?*		
Yes	30	59
No	70	41
Don't know	*	0
	100	100
Number of respondents	1,304	696
Send an email yesterday to family member who doesn't live in your home?*		
Yes	18	28
No	80	72
Doesn't apply/Don't know	2	*
	100	100
Number of respondents	3,014	1,935
*Based on those with at least one parent living		
**Based on those with a financially independent child ages 18 and older		
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V. Closeness

Mom on her pedestal. The nearest thing to a unanimous verdict in this survey is the way adult children feel about their mother. Almost nine in ten (87%) say they feel close to rather than distant (11%) from mom, with virtually no differences by age, gender or race. Indeed, there are only slight variances in felt closeness among those who live closer to and farther from mom. Some 92% of those who live in the same household or town as their mother say they feel close to her while 88% of those living farther away say that.

Mom gets similar sterling marks for being someone with whom adult children have an “easygoing” (85%) rather than “tense” (12%) relationship. If there’s any small chink in mom’s pedestal – and it’s not much of one – it is among Hispanics, 17% of whom say their relationship with mom is tense.

Dad is easy, if a bit more distant. Dad fares nearly as well as mom in the overall easygoing/tense assessment; some 82% of adult children say they have an easygoing relationship with their father while just 15% say the relationship is tense. But dad doesn’t do quite as well on the close/distant question. Some 74% of adult children say their relationship to dad is “close” and 23% say it is “distant” – although, as noted earlier, the mom-dad gap on this question is smaller now than it was in the 1989 Gallup survey.

Dad gets his lowest marks among blacks. Some 38% of black adult children say they have a distant relationship with their father, compared with 19% of whites and 26% of Hispanics who say this.

Most Feel Close to Mom...			
Which word best describes your relationship?			
	All Adults	Men	Women
	%	%	%
Relationship with your mother*...			
Close	87	87	88
Distant	11	12	10
Neither (vol.)			
/Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	100	100	100
Tense	12	10	14
Easygoing	85	88	83
Neither (vol.)			
/Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100
..And a Bit Less So to Dad			
	All Adults	Men	Women
	%	%	%
Relationship with your father**			
Close	74	74	75
Distant	22	23	22
Neither (vol.)			
/Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100
Tense	15	14	16
Easygoing	82	82	81
Neither (vol.)			
/Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100
*Based on those with mother living			
**Based on those with father living			
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Most people feel very close to a sibling.

Some 90% of adults have at least one sibling; 29% have four or more siblings. Nearly two-thirds (63%) of all adults have at least one brother or sister who lives within a four hour’s drive, and among those with a sibling nearly eight-in-ten (78%) say they would describe their relationship to at least one of their brothers or sisters as “very close.”

Women with a sibling (82%) are more likely than men (74%) to say this.

Blacks are more likely than either whites or Hispanics to live within a four hour’s drive of at least one sibling; seven-in-ten blacks do so compared with 64% among whites and 57% among Hispanics. Among those with a brother or sister, whites are a bit less likely than blacks or Hispanics to say they have a very close relationship with a sibling; 75% of non-Hispanic whites report being very close to a sibling compared with 88% of blacks and 82% of Hispanics.

Distance and Closeness to Siblings

Patterns by Race and Ethnicity

	All Adults	Whites**	Blacks	Hispanics
	%	%	%	%
Have brothers or sisters?				
Yes	90	89	91	96
No siblings	10	11	8	4
Refused	—	—	1	—
	100	100	100	100
Live within a 4 hour’s drive of a sibling?				
Yes	63	64	70	57
No	26	25	21	39
No siblings	10	11	8	4
Don’t know/Refused	1	—	1	—
	100	100	100	100
Number of respondents	3,014	2,272	327	271
Describe your relationship with any of your brothers or sisters as very close?*				
Yes, very close	78	75	88	82
No	21	24	12	18
Don’t know/Refused	1	1	0	0
	100	100	100	100
Number of respondents	2,681	2,006	297	259

*Based on those with a sibling

**Whites include only non-Hispanic whites. Hispanics are of any race. Interviews conducted in English and Spanish.

Relatives, especially younger ones, do sometimes quarrel. A quarter of all respondents say that in the past year they have had an argument with a family member who doesn't live in the same household with them. There is very little variance in response to this question by gender or race, but a good bit of variance by age. Among adults ages 18 to 29, 42% say they have had such an argument in the past year; the figures fall to 27% for those ages 30 to 49, to 18% for those age 50 to 64, and to 9% for those ages 65 and over.

Some 16% of all respondents also say they are not on speaking terms with an immediate family member or close relative, and here, too, there appears to be a mellowing effect that comes with age. More than two-in-ten (22%) 18 to 29 years olds say they aren't speaking to a close relative, while fewer than one-in-ten (9%) adults age 65 or older say they are not on speaking terms with someone in their family.

	Yes	No	Don't know
	%	%	%
Argued with family member in past year			
All adults	25	75	*=100
18-29	42	58	0=100
30-49	27	72	1=100
50-64	18	82	*=100
65+	9	91	*=100
Not on speaking terms with an immediate family member or close relative			
All adults	16	83	1=100
18-29	22	78	0=100
30-49	17	82	1=100
50-64	15	85	*=100
65+	9	91	*=100

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NO QUESTION 1
QUESTION 2 IN PREVIOUS RELEASE

Q.3 Please tell me whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied, on the whole, with the following aspects of your life:
 (First/Next) [INSERT --READ AND RANDOMIZE WITH ITEMS a TO f ALWAYS ASKED FIRST
 AND ITEMS h TO j ALWAYS LAST] (are you satisfied or dissatisfied?)
REQUIRED PROBE: Would you say you are VERY (dis)satisfied or SOMEWHAT (dis)satisfied?

NO ITEM 3G

	-----SATISFIED-----			-----DISSATISFIED-----			Doesn't apply (VOL.)	DK/Ref
	NET	<i>Very satisfied</i>	<i>Somewhat satisfied</i>	NET	<i>Somewhat dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>		
a. Your standard of living --								
what you can buy or do	79	42	37	20	11	9	*	1=100
January, 1999	83	45	38	16	12	4	--	1=100
December, 1996	75	35	40	24	14	10	--	1=100
b. Your household income	70	32	38	26	14	12	1	3=100
January, 1999	75	37	38	23	14	9	--	2=100
December, 1996	65	27	38	33	18	15	--	2=100
c. Your family life	91	72	19	7	4	3	1	1=100
January, 1999	91	71	20	7	4	3	--	2=100
December, 1996	90	69	21	9	6	3	--	1=100
d. Your job -- the kind of work you do								
BASED ON THOSE EMPLOYED [N=1,853]	84	54	30	12	7	5	3	1=100
January, 1999	88	54	34	11	6	5	1	*=100
BASED ON ALL ADULTS	62	41	21	11	5	6	26	1=100
January, 1999	70	45	25	9	5	4	20	1=100
December, 1996	69	41	28	14	8	6	17	*=100
e. Your housing situation	88	63	25	11	6	5	*	1=100
January, 1999	89	61	28	10	6	4	--	1=100
December, 1996	87	56	31	12	7	5	--	1=100
f. Your free time -- the time when you are not working	79	51	28	16	9	7	4	1=100
January, 1999	80	49	31	15	10	5	4	1=100
December, 1996	77	47	30	19	12	7	3	1=100

Q.3 CONTINUED...

	-----SATISFIED-----			-----DISSATISFIED-----			Doesn't apply (VOL.)	DK/Ref
	NET	<i>Very satisfied</i>	<i>Somewhat satisfied</i>	NET	<i>Somewhat dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>		
BASED ON THOSE MARRIED [N=1,715]								
h. Your relationship with your spouse	96	84	12	3	1	2	*	1=100
BASED ON THOSE WITH CHILDREN [N=2,314]								
i. Your relationship with your children	95	82	13	4	2	2	1	*=100
BASED ON THOSE WITH A LIVING PARENT [N=1,875]								
j. Your relationship with your parents	92	74	18	6	3	3	2	*=100

QUESTIONS 4 THROUGH 8 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTION 9 THROUGH 15

ASK ALL:

M1 Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

- 55 Married
 - 7 Living with a partner
 - 9 Divorced
 - 2 Separated
 - 8 Widowed
 - 17 Never been married
 - 2 Single (VOL.)
 - * Don't know/Refused
- 100

ASK IF LIVING WITH PARTNER/SINGLE (M1=2,7):

M2 Have you ever been married?

ASK IF EVER BEEN MARRIED (M1=1,3,4,5 OR M2=1):

M3 Have you been married more than once, or not?

ASK IF MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE AND NOT CURRENTLY DIVORCED (M3=1 AND M1=1,2,4,5,6) OR PAST MARRIED & LWP/SINGLE (M2=1):

M4 Have you ever been divorced?

77	(NET) Ever married	77	(NET) Ever married
58	Married once	24	Ever divorced
19	Married twice+	53	Never divorced
*	Don't know/Refused	*	Don't know/Refused
22	Never married	22	Never married
1	Don't know/Refused	1	Don't know/Refused
100		100	

ASK ALL:

Now on a different subject...

Q.16 When you have a serious personal problem, who do you turn to for advice (READ if applicable: OTHER than your wife/husband/partner)?

[OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW." ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE ONLY. DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSE]

		<i>Gallup</i> May <u>1989</u>
45	(NET) Family	29
6	Father	3
17	Mother	14
1	Both parents (not specified)	N/A
8	Child, Son, Daughter	6
11	Brother, Sister	6
1	Grandparent, Grandmother, Grandfather	*
*	Grandchild	N/A
1	Aunt, Uncle, Cousin	*
*	In-law	N/A
*	Family (not specified)	N/A
22	(NET) Friend/Neighbor/Co-worker	27
20	Friend or neighbor	25
2	Co-worker	2
21	(NET) Other	31
11	Religious scripture/Jesus/God	N/A
7	Religious advisor	13
2	Psychologist or other therapist	2
1	Other [SPECIFY]	16
10	No one	N/A
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>13</u>
100		100

NO QUESTION 17 OR 18

Q.19 Which family member do you have the MOST contact with (READ if applicable: OTHER than your wife/husband/partner)?

[OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW." ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

33	(NET) Parent
34	Child, Son, Daughter
20	Brother, Sister (INCLUDE HALF-BROTHER/HALF-SISTER)
1	Grandparent, Grandmother, Grandfather
1	Grandchild
3	Other relative, Aunt, Uncle, Cousin
2	In-law
*	Family (not specified)
2	Other SPECIFY
1	None
3	Don't know/Refused

NO QUESTION 20

Q.21 Is your mother living?

Q.22 Is your father living?

<i>Mother</i>	<i>Father</i>	
62	47	Yes
38	52	No
*	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	100	

Q.22a Do you have any living stepparents who played an important role in your life?

12	Yes
88	No
*	Don't know/Refused
100	

IF YES Q22a=1

Q.22b Would that be a stepmother, a stepfather or both?

BASED ON HAVE STEPPARENT WHO PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE [N=316]:

30	Stepmother
50	Stepfather
20	Both stepmother and stepfather
*	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK IF BOTH PARENTS ARE LIVING (Q.21=1 AND Q.22=1):

Q.23 Do your mother and father live together?

BASED ON THOSE WITH BOTH PARENTS LIVING [N=1107]:

67	Yes
33	No
==	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK IF BOTH PARENTS ARE LIVING (Q.21=1 AND Q.22=1):

Q.24 With which parent do you have the most contact?

BASED ON THOSE WITH BOTH PARENTS LIVING [N=1107]:

61	Mother
18	Father
21	Neither/Both same (VOL.)
==	Don't know/Refused
100	

ROTATE Q25-Q26 WITH Q27-Q28³

ASK IF MOTHER (Q21=1) OR STEPMOTHER (Q21=2,9 & Q22b=1,3) IS LIVING:

Q.25 How old is your (mother/stepmother)?

ASK IF FATHER (Q22=1) OR STEPFATHER (Q22=2,9 & Q22B=2,3) IS LIVING:

Q.27 How old is your (father/stepfather)?
(RECORD EXACT AGE)

**BASED ON THOSE WITH MOTHER
OR STEPMOTHER LIVING [N=1752]:**

30 < 55
24 55 – 64
21 65 – 74
15 75 – 84
6 85+
4 Don't know/Refused
100

MEAN age of MOTHER = 62.6

**BASED ON THOSE WITH FATHER
OR STEPFATHER LIVING [N=1320]:**

27 < 55
27 55 – 64
24 65 – 74
14 75 – 84
3 85+
5 Don't know/Refused
100

MEAN age of FATHER = 62.5

**ASK Q26 IF MOTHER IS LIVING (Q21=1) OR MOTHER NOT LIVING/DK AND IMPORTANT
STPMOTHER (Q21=2,9 & Q22b=1,3):**

Q.26 Which word best describes your relationship with your (mother/stepmother)? (First/Next,...)⁴ **[INSERT
ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**

**ASK Q28 IF FATHER IS LIVING (Q22=1) OR FATHER NOT LIVING/DK AND IMPORTANT
STEPFATHER (Q22=2,9 & Q22B=2,3):**

Q.28 Which word best describes your relationship with your (father/stepfather)? (First/Next,...) **[INSERT
ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**

“MOTHER” BASED ON THOSE WITH MOTHER OR STEPMOTHER LIVING [N=1752]:

“FATHER” BASED ON THOSE WITH FATHER OR STEPFATHER LIVING [N=1320]:

a. Close or distant

		<i>Gallup</i>	
		May 1989	
<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>
87	74	90	69
11	22	7	24
2	3	3	7
<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>
100	100	100	100

³ In the 1989 Gallup survey Q26 and Q28 were not rotated, and within each of these questions items a and b were not rotated.

⁴ In the 1989 Gallup survey, Q26 and Q28 had the following introductory language: “Now I’m going to read some phrases that might describe the kind of relationship you have with your (mother/father). For each pair of words or phrases that I read, please tell me which one best describes your relationship with your (mother/father).”

Q.28 CONTINUED...

b. Tense or easygoing

			<i>Gallup</i> May 1989	
<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>		<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>
12	15	Tense	12	21
85	82	Easygoing	84	74
2	2	Neither (VOL.)	3	3
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
100	100		100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.29 Do you have any living grandparents?

29	Yes
71	No
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

NO QUESTION 30

ASK ALL:

Q.31 How many brothers and sisters do you have, if any?

NOTE: INCLUDE ONLY LIVING SIBLINGS, INCLUDE HALF BROTHERS/HALF SISTERS HERE IF VOLUNTEERED (ENTER NUMBER 0-15)

10	None
22	One
23	Two
16	Three
29	Four or more
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.32 Do you have any stepbrothers or stepsisters who played an important role in your life?
[INCLUDE ONLY LIVING STEPSIBLINGS]

8	Yes
92	No
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK IF HAVE ANY SIBLINGS (Q31=1-15):

Q.33 How far apart do you live from your (brothers and sisters/your brother or sister)? Do you live within a FOUR hour's drive of (any of your brothers and sisters/him or her)?

BASED ON THOSE WITH SIBLINGS [N=2681]:

70	Yes
29	No
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK IF HAVE ANY SIBLINGS (Q31=1-15):

Q.34 Would you describe your relationship with (any of your brothers and sisters/your brother or sister) as VERY CLOSE, or not?

BASED ON THOSE WITH SIBLINGS [N=2681]:

78 Yes
 21 No
 1 Don't know/Ref.
 100

NO QUESTION 35 OR 36

----- START OF PARENT SERIES -----

Questions 37 through 55 are asked of respondents with one or more parents living. Respondents with no living parents and no living stepparents who played an important role in their life skip ahead to Question 56. The following instructions indicate the referent in Q37-Q55 given the respondent's situation.

<u>RESPONDENT'S SITUATION</u>	<u>ASK Q37-Q55 ABOUT RESPONDENT'S...</u>
Both parents live together.....	Parents
Parents live separately and more contact with mother.....	Mother
Parents live separately and more contact with father.....	Father
Parents live separately and equal contact.....	FORM 1: Mother / FORM 2: Father
Only mother living.....	Mother
Only father living.....	Father
No parents living and stepmother played important role.....	Stepmother
No parents living and stepfather played important role.....	Stepfather
No parents living and important stepmother and stepfather.....	FORM 1: Stepmother/FORM 2: Stepfather
No parents living and no stepparent played important role.....	SKIP TO Q56

ASK ALL IN PARENT SERIES:

Q.37 How far away from you (do/does) your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather) live? Is it...
(READ)

BASED ON THOSE WITH PARENT LIVING [N=1875]:

	<i>Gallup</i> ⁵
	<u>May 1989</u>
14 In your household	13
27 In your city or town	32
24 Less than an hour's drive away	22
12 Less than a four hour's drive away	11
23 Is it farther away than that?	22
* Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	*
100	100

⁵ The 1989 Gallup question had a separate explicit response category for "in your neighborhood" that has been combined with "in your city or town."

Q.38 About how often do you usually see your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather)? Is it...?
(READ)

BASED ON THOSE WITH PARENT LIVING [N=1875]:

	<i>Gallup</i> ⁶ <u>May 1989</u>
24 Every day	22
30 Once a week or more	32
15 Once a month or more	16
17 Several times a year	19
7 Once a year	7
7 Less often than that	4
<u>*</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>*</u>
100	100

Q.39 And, about how often do you usually talk to your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather) on the telephone? Is it...? **(READ)**

BASED ON THOSE WITH PARENT LIVING [N=1875]:

	<i>Gallup</i> <u>May 1989</u>
32 Every day	19
47 Once a week or more	49
11 Once a month or more	18
2 Several times a year	4
1 Once a year	*
5 Less often than that	9
<u>2</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>1</u>
100	100

Q.38/39 COMBINED

Q.38 About how often do you usually see your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather)? Is it...?

Q.39 And, about how often do you usually talk to your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather) on the telephone? Is it...? **(READ)**

BASED ON THOSE WITH PARENT LIVING [N=1875]:

	<i>Gallup</i> <u>May 1989</u>
42 Every day	32
44 Once a week or more	46
10 Once a month or more	17
2 Several times a year	3
1 Once a year	1
1 Less often than that	1
<u>*</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>*</u>
100	100

⁶ In Q.38 and Q.30 the 1989 Gallup question had separate explicit response categories for "less than once a year" and "never" which have been combined as "less often than that."

Q.40 Do you ever email your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather)?

ASK IF YES (Q40=1):

Q.41 How often do you email your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather)? Is it... **(READ)**

BASED ON THOSE WITH PARENT LIVING [N=1875]:

24	Yes, email parents
3	Every day
10	Once a week or more
8	Once a month or more
3	Several times a year
*	Once a year
*	Less often than that
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
76	No, never email parents
*	Don't know/Refused
100	

QUESTIONS 42 THROUGH 55 IN PREVIOUS RELEASE; NO QUESTION 46, 49, OR 50

----- **END PARENT SERIES** -----

QUESTION 56 IN PREVIOUS RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Q.57 DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS have you been to a large family get-together for a holiday or other social occasion?

		<i>Gallup</i> ⁷
		<u>May 1989</u>
76	Yes	70
24	No	30
*	Don't know/Refused	*
100		100

Q.58 DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS have you had an argument with a family member or relative who doesn't live in your household?

25	Yes
74	No
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

⁷ In the 1989 Gallup survey, respondents were asked if they had done this "During the last year, that is since May 1988..." In addition, this question was asked second in a non-rotated series of items. It followed "been to a wedding, funeral or religious ceremony for a relative."

ASK ALL:

- P1. How many children, if any, do you have under age 18?
NOTE: THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE STEPCHILDREN
- P2. How many children, if any, do you have ages 18 and older?
NOTE: THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE STEPCHILDREN

(ENTER NUMBER 0-15)

Number of Children Under Age 18

- 63 None
 37 **(NET)** One or more
 * Don't know/Refused
 100

Number of Children Ages 18 and Older

- 55 None
 45 **(NET)** One or more
 * Don't know/Refused
 100

ASK IF ONE CHILD 18+ (IF P2=1):

- P3 Do you provide the PRIMARY financial support for this child, age 18 and older, or not?

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD 18+ (P2=2-15):

- P4 Do you provide the PRIMARY financial support for ALL of your children ages 18 and older, for some but not for others, or not for any?

BASED ON PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGE 18+ [N=1568]:

- 22 (NET) Provide support for a child ages 18 and older
 12 Provide for ALL children ages 18 and older
 10 Provide for SOME children ages 18 and older
 77 Not for any
 1 Don't know/Ref.
 100

ASK IF PROVIDING ANY 18+ WITH PRIMARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT (P3=1 OR P4=1,2):

- P5 Are you providing the primary financial support because (this child is/these children are) enrolled in school OR for some other reason?

BASED ON PARENTS PROVIDING CHILD 18+ W/ PRIMARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT [N=323]:

- 56 In school
 39 Some other reason
 3 Both **(VOL.)**
 * Depends on which adult child **(VOL.)**
 2 Don't know/Refused
 100

ASK IF EVER BEEN MARRIED (M1=1,3,4,5 OR M2=1):

P6 How many stepchildren, if any, do you have, including those who are adults and live on their own?

ASK IF HAVE ANY STEPCHILDREN (P6=1-15):

P7 How many of these stepchildren are ages 18 and OLDER?
(ENTER NUMBER 0-15)

**BASED ON CURRENTLY OR
PREVIOUSLY MARRIED [N=2476]:**

Total Number of Stepchildren

86 None
14 (NET) One or more
* Don't know/Refused
100

**BASED ON THOSE W/
STEPCHILDREN [N=357]:**

Number of Stepchildren Ages 18 and Older

25 None
75 (NET) One or more
= Don't know/Refused
100

ASK IF PARENT (P1=1-15 OR P2=1-15):

P8 Do you have any grandchildren?

BASED ON PARENTS [N=2314]:

43 Yes
57 No
* Don't know/Refused
100

NO QUESTION 59

----- START OF ADULT CHILD SERIES -----

Questions 60 through 70 are asked of respondents with one or more children ages 18 and older for whom they do not provide primary financial support. Respondents without such an adult child skip ahead to Question 71.

READ

These next questions are about your relationship with your (child who is/children ages) 18 years and older for whom you do not provide primary financial support. I'll refer to (him or her/them) as your (adult child/children).

QUESTIONS 60 THROUGH 63 IN PREVIOUS RELEASE

IF RESPONDENT HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD 18+ AND DOES NOT PROVIDE PRIMARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ANY/SOME (P4=2,3):

READ: My next questions are just about the adult child with whom you have the most contact. Do you have that person in mind or do you need another moment?

[IF RESPONDENT CAN'T DECIDE PROBE ONCE THEN RECORD DK/REFUSED AND SKIP TO Q.71]

ASK ALL IN ADULT CHILD SERIES:

Q.64 (Still thinking about your adult child/[no insert]) How far away from you does this son or daughter live? Is it... **(READ)**

BASED ON PARENTS OF FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT CHILDREN AGE 18+ [N=1304]:

- 14 In your household
 - 30 In your city or town
 - 28 Less than an hour's drive away
 - 11 Less than a four hour's drive away
 - 17 Is it farther away than that
 - * Don't know/Ref.
- 100

Q.65 About how often do you usually see this son or daughter? Is it... **(READ)**

BASED ON PARENTS OF FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT CHILDREN AGE 18+ [N=1304]:

- 25 Every day
 - 40 Once a week or more
 - 14 Once a month or more
 - 15 Several times a year
 - 2 Once a year
 - 3 Less often than that
 - 1 Don't know/Refused **(VOL. DO NOT READ)**
- 100

Q.66 About how often do you usually talk to this son or daughter on the telephone? Is it... **(READ)**

BASED ON PARENTS OF FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT CHILDREN AGE 18+ [N=1304]:

- 37 Every day
 - 48 Once a week or more
 - 8 Once a month or more
 - 2 Several times a year
 - * Once a year
 - 3 Less often than that
 - 2 Don't know/Refused **(VOL. DO NOT READ)**
- 100

Q.65/66 COMBINED

Q.65 About how often do you usually see this son or daughter? Is it... **(READ)**

Q.66 About how often do you usually talk to this son or daughter on the telephone? Is it... **(READ)**

BASED ON PARENTS OF FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT CHILDREN AGE 18+ [N=1304]:

- 45 Every day
 - 45 Once a week or more
 - 6 Once a month or more
 - 2 Several times a year
 - 1 Once a year
 - 1 Less often than that
 - 0 Don't know/Refused **(VOL. DO NOT READ)**
- 100

Q.67 Do you ever email this son or daughter?

ASK IF YES (Q67=1):

Q.68 How often do you email this son or daughter? **(READ)**

BASED ON PARENTS OF FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT CHILDREN AGE 18+ [N=1304]:

- 30 Yes, ever email son or daughter
- 3 Every day
- 14 Once a week or more
- 9 Once a month or more
- 3 Several times a year
- 1 Once a year
- * Less often than that
- * Don't know/Refused **(VOL. DO NOT READ)**
- 70 No, never email son or daughter
- * Don't know/Refused
- 100

QUESTIONS 69 THROUGH 71 IN PREVIOUS RELEASE

----- **END ADULT CHILD SERIES** -----

Q.72 As I read from a list tell me if you did this yesterday or not—even if yesterday was an unusual day for you. Yesterday did you... **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** or not?

READ FOR EACH ITEM: Yesterday, did you... **[NEXT ITEM]** or not?

	Yes	No	Does not Apply (VOL.)	Don't know/ Refused
a. Have a meal with a family member or relative who doesn't live in your household	24	76	*	*=100
b. Talk with a family member or relative who doesn't live in your household	73	27	*	*=100
c. Send an email to a family member or relative who doesn't live in your household	18	80	2	*=100

ASK IF PARENT LIVING (Q21=1 OR Q22=1):

BASED ON THOSE WITH AT LEAST ONE PARENT LIVING [N=1848]:

d. Talk with a parent	66	34	*	*=100
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QUESTION 73 IN PREVIOUS RELEASE

Q.74 For each of the following, please tell me if you have an immediate family member or close relative in this situation. (First, Next...) do you have an immediate family member or close relative who... **[INSERT ITEM; ITEM d ALWAYS FIRST; RANDOMIZE ITEMS e THROUGH i]**

NO ITEMS Q74A-C

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused
d. Lives in a country other than the U.S.	20	80	*=100
e. You are not on speaking terms with	16	83	1=100
f. Has a drug or alcohol problem	26	72	2=100
g. Is living with a boyfriend or girlfriend	33	65	2=100
h. Is gay or lesbian	15	83	2=100
i. Is married to someone of a different race	22	77	1=100

QUESTIONS 76 THROUGH C1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

NET1 Do you use the internet, at least occasionally?

NET2 Do you send or receive email, at least occasionally?

<u>NET1</u>	<u>NET2</u>	<i>Internet User</i> <u>(NET1,2 Combined)</u>	
69	63	70	Yes
31	37	30	No
<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	100	100	

QUESTIONS 80a THROUGH 80b HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUESTIONS 81 THROUGH 84 IN PREVIOUS RELEASE