

Table 2.17a: Single-parent households, 10 countries, selected years, 1980-2002 (Numbers in thousands)

Country and year	Single-parent households		Country and year	Single-parent households	
	Number	Percent of all households with children		Number	Percent of all households with children
United States:			Ireland: ¹		
1980	6,061	19.5	1981	30	7.2
1990	7,752	24.0	1991	44	10.7
1995	9,055	26.4	1996	56	13.8
2001	9,374	26.5	2002	69	16.7
Canada:			Germany:		
1981	437	12.7	1991	1,429	15.2
1991	572	16.2	1995	1,674	17.6
1996	690	18.7	2000	1,963	21.2
2001	707	19.3	Netherlands:		
Japan:			1988	179	9.6
1980	796	4.9	1993	180	10.0
1990	934	6.5	1995 ²	208	11.7
1995	884	6.9	2000	240	13.0
2000	1,003	8.3	Sweden:		
Denmark: ¹			1985	117	11.2
1980	99	13.4	1990	151	14.8
1990	117	17.8	1991 ²	166	15.2
1995	120	18.6	1995	189	17.4
2001	120	18.4	2000	251	23.1

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France:			United Kingdom: ³		
1988	761	11.9	1981	1,010	13.9
1990	755	11.9	1991	1,344	19.4
1995	874	14.0	1994-1995	1,617	21.9
2000	1,039	17.1	2001	1,446	20.7

¹ Data are from family-based, rather than household-based, statistics.

² Break in series.

³ Great Britain only (excludes Northern Ireland).

NOTE: For the United Kingdom in 1981, children are defined as those under 15 and those who are 15, 16, or 17 and attend school full time; for later years, children are defined as those under 16 and those who are 16 or 17 and attend school full time. For Ireland, children

are defined as those under 15. For all other countries, children are defined as children living at home, or away at school, under the age of 18.

SOURCE: *Monthly Labor Review*, U.S., September 2003, p. 14. Compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics from sources listed in table 2.15a and from unpublished data provided by foreign statistical offices.