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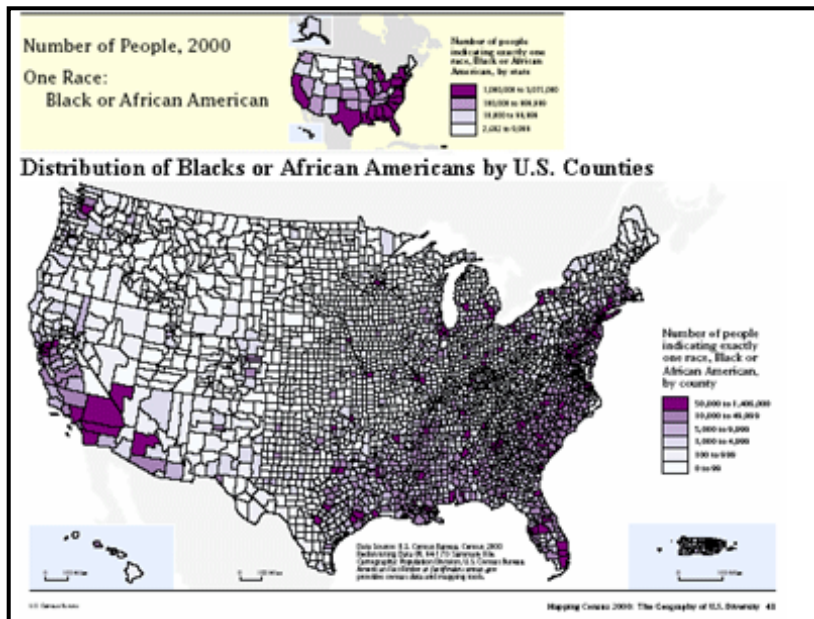
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Marriage, Divorce, Childbirth, and Living Arrangements among African American or Black Populations

(Source, Census 2000, <http://www.census.gov/population/cen2000/atlas/censr01-106.pdf>)

Table 1: States with largest Black or African American populations
 (Source: Census 2000)



Total Black or African American Population

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. New York
3,014,385 | 11. Virginia 1,390,293 |
| 2. Texas 2,404,566 | 12. Ohio 1,301,307 |
| 3. Georgia 2,349,542 | 13. Pennsylvania
1,224,612 |
| 4. Florida 2,335,505 | 14. South Carolina
1,185,216 |
| 5. California
2,263,882 | 15. Alabama 1,155,930 |
| 6. Illinois 1,876,875 | 16. New Jersey 1,141,821 |
| 7. North Carolina
1,737,545 | 17. Mississippi 1,033,809 |
| 8. Maryland
1,477,411 | 18. Tennessee 932,809 |
| 9. Louisiana
1,451,944 | 19. Missouri 629,391 |
| 10. Michigan
1,412,742 | 20. Indiana 510,034 |

On the whole, Blacks or African Americans (hereafter called Blacks) **have lower rates of marriage and marital stability than all other ethnic groups**. They also have **higher rates of single-headed families than other groups**.

- **Black males and females are more likely to be unmarried than Whites, Hispanics, or American Indian/Alaskan Natives (AIAN)** (42.2% for males, 40.8% for females, compared to 27.5% and 21.2% respectively for Whites, 38.2% and 30.3% for Hispanics, and 35.7% and 29.9% for AIAN).(ACS 2002)
- Black individuals are far **more likely than Whites and Hispanics to be divorced** (in 2002, 9.4% of Black males were divorced, and 13.3% of Black females versus 9.1 % and 11.3% respectively for Whites and 5.9% and 9.3% for Hispanics). (ACS 2002)
- Among married Black individuals, a **greater percentage is living apart from their spouses than among married White and AIAN individuals** (15.7% for Black males, 24.1% for Black females, versus 5.3% and 6.3% respectively for Whites and 11.1% and 12.8% for AIAN). Only Hispanics have a higher rate of living apart from their spouse than do Blacks – 16.2% for males and 16.9% for females (in many cases this may be due to immigration complications). (ACS 2002)
- **Black families are less likely to contain a married couple than all other groups** (46.0% versus 81.0%). White families have an 81% chance of containing a married couple, AIAN families have a 67% chance, and Hispanics have a 67.4% chance. (Census 2000)
- **Single male-headed families are slightly more likely in Black homes than in White family homes** (about 8.5% versus 5.3% for whites.). Hispanics and AIANs have a higher rate of single male headed families (10.3% and 10.4% respectively). (Census 2000)
- **Single female-headed families are far more likely in Black homes than in all other groups' homes** (45.4% versus 13.7%). By contrast, Whites have a 13.7% rate, AIANs have a 28.8% rate, and Hispanics have a 22.3% rate of single female headed families. (Census 2000)
- **Only 44.9% of Black householders in family households live with a spouse**. This compares with 80.6% for Whites, 60.1% for AIAN, and 70.2% for Hispanics. (Census 2000)

Statistics on Childbearing

Unmarried Black women constitute a majority of childbearing Black women and the rate of out-of-wedlock childbearing is increasing. Furthermore, **teenage childbearing among Black women is high**, although the **rate is declining faster** than in any other group.

Table 2: Marital Status of Individuals over 15 years old, divided by sex. (Source: American Community Survey Summary Tables, 2002)

Total:	All races	Black	White alone	Hispanic/Latino	AIAN
Male:					
Never married	30.1%	42.2%	27.5%	38.2%	35.7%
Now married	58.7%	45.4%	60.9%	54.7%	49.7%
Married, spouse present	92.9%	84.3%	94.7%	83.8%	88.9%
Married, spouse absent	7.1%	15.7%	5.3%	16.2%	11.1%
Separated	42.8%	57.7%	44.5%	28.6%	54.3%
Other	57.2%	42.3%	55.5%	71.4%	45.7%
Widowed	2.4%	2.9%	2.5%	1.1%	3.1%
Divorced	8.8%	9.4%	9.1%	5.9%	11.5%

Female:					
Never married	24.5%	40.8%	21.2%	30.3%	29.9%
Now married	54.5%	36.1%	57.2%	54.9%	46.7%
Married, spouse present	91.4%	75.9%	93.7%	83.1%	87.2%
Married, spouse absent	8.6%	24.1%	6.3%	16.9%	12.8%
Separated	57.6%	70.9%	56.2%	54.3%	68.0%
Other	42.4%	29.1%	43.8%	45.7%	32.0%
Widowed	9.8%	9.8%	10.3%	5.5%	9.3%
Divorced	11.3%	13.3%	11.3%	9.3%	14.1%

Table 3: Percent of All Births to Unmarried Mothers

All races	10.7	14.3	18.4	22.0	28.0	32.2	32.4	32.4	32.8	33.0	33.2	33.5
White	5.5	7.1	11.2	14.7	20.4	25.3	25.7	25.8	26.3	26.8	27.1	27.7
Black or African American	37.5	49.5	56.1	61.2	66.5	69.9	69.8	69.2	69.1	68.8	68.5	68.4
Asian or Pacific Islander	22.4	32.7	39.2	46.8	53.6	57.2	58.0	58.7	59.3	58.9	58.4	59.7
Chinese	---	---	7.3	9.5	13.2	16.3	16.7	15.6	15.6	15.4	14.8	14.9
Japanese	3.0	1.6	2.7	3.0	5.0	7.9	9.2	6.5	6.4	6.9	7.6	8.4
Filipino	4.6	4.6	5.2	7.9	9.6	10.8	11.4	10.1	9.7	21.1	20.3	20.4
Hawaiian	---	---	32.9	37.3	45.0	49.0	49.9	49.1	51.1	50.4	50.0	50.6
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	---	---	5.4	8.5	12.6	16.2	16.5	15.6	15.2	14.5	13.8	13.7
Hispanic or Latin	---	---	23.6	29.5	36.7	40.8	40.7	40.9	41.6	42.2	42.7	42.5

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