

Table 1

Percentage of Parents of Children Under Age 13 Who Provided Various Forms of Warmth and Affection Every Day in the Past Month: 1997

	Fathers			Mothers		
	Hugged or showed physical affection to their children	Told their child that they love him/her	Told their child that they appreciated something he or she did	Hugged or showed physical affection to their children	Told their child that they love him/her	Told their child that they appreciated something he or she did
Total	73	62	37	87	85	55
Race and Hispanic Origin¹						
White non-Hispanic	76	65	36	93	91	56
Black non-Hispanic	56	45	40	75	76	56
Hispanic	73	63	41	81	77	52
Other	61	40	32	78	76	53
Poverty Status						
Poor (0 to 99% poverty)	67	63	44	78	80	55
Extreme poverty (at 50% or less)	58	60	47	78	80	49
Nonpoor	74	61	36	90	87	55
100% to 199% of poverty	74	60	43	88	85	58
200% to 299% of poverty	73	58	32	86	86	53
300% or more of poverty	74	64	34	93	88	55
Family Structure						
Two parents	73	62	37	89	86	55
Both biological and/or adoptive	75	63	37	89	86	55
Mother only	-	-	-	81	83	56
Age of Child						
0 to 2 years old	90	80	56	98	95	73
3 to 5 years old	84	69	44	93	91	66
6 to 9 years old	70	55	31	87	85	48
10 to 12 years old	50	45	17	74	72	39
Age of Child's Mother in Household						
18 to 24 years old	88	82	55	94	93	70
25 to 44 years old	73	61	35	87	86	55
45 to 65 years old	57	47	27	77	65	37
Age of Child's Father in Household						
18 to 24 years old	89	86	63	93	91	75
25 to 44 years old	74	61	36	89	87	55
45 to 65 years old	62	54	29	87	78	49
Educational Attainment of Child's Mother in Household						
Less than high school	67	58	45	75	75	46
High school diploma or GED	71	60	33	87	87	56
Vocational/technical or some college	76	63	35	91	90	60
College graduate	75	63	37	94	88	54
Educational Attainment of Child's Father in Household						
Less than high school	68	63	38	86	82	55
High school diploma or GED	70	59	37	87	85	56
Vocational/technical or some college	75	63	37	90	87	52
College graduate	77	62	34	95	90	58
Employment Status of Child's Mother in Household						
Not in labor force	78	67	44	86	82	57
Looking for work	49	31	21	81	80	59
Working	71	60	32	89	88	54
Employment Status of Child's Father in Household						
Not in labor force	61	46	36	81	75	52
Looking for work	60	41	36	86	77	68
Working	74	62	36	90	87	55

¹Estimates for whites and blacks exclude Hispanics of those races. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.
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