



Exercise -1: Families then & now - 1980-2010

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PASSAGE

Families then and now: 1980-2010

Since the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) began researching Australian families and society in 1980, Australian society has undergone enormous changes. This facts sheet, written in 2010 to mark AIFS’ 30th anniversary, looks back at the major changes over that period, including trends in household make-up, family types, marital status, birth rates, and parental employment and education. It is a fascinating snapshot of the changing nature of Australian family life over the turn of the millennium.

Trends in household and family types

The size of households has progressively fallen over the 20th century and beginning of the 21st century. The 1911 Census revealed that the average household comprised 4.5 members. This fell to 3.5 in 1966 and to 3.0 in 1981. By 2006, the average household size was 2.6.

Families cross household boundaries and there is much communication, contact, caring and sharing among family members living in separate households. For example, grandparents, extended family members, friends and neighbours are a key source of child care for preschool-aged children. For statistical purposes, however, attention is here directed to families within households.

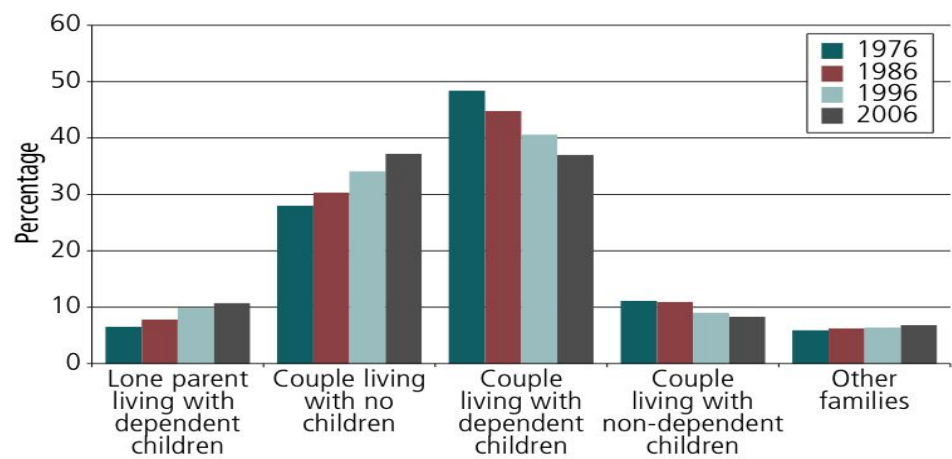


Figure 1- Family types, 1976-2006

Note: "Other families" includes lone parents living with non-dependent children, and non-classifiable families, such as brothers and sisters living together. Sources: ABS (2001, 2007)

Figure 1 shows the proportion of all family households that represent different "family types" in four Census periods, from 1976 to 2006. The figure shows that the direction of trends apparent between 1976 and 1986 has continued, leading to some very significant changes.

Across all years except 2006, households containing couple families living with dependent children have been more common than those containing other family types. However, the proportion of all household comprising couple families living with dependent children has decreased progressively, while the proportion containing couples living with no children (dependent or otherwise) has increased progressively:

- In 1976, 48% of households were couple families living with dependent children and 28% were couples living with no children (dependent or otherwise).
- By 2006, there were equal numbers of households that were couple families with dependent children and couple families living with no children (dependent or otherwise) (37%).

Although far less common than families of couples living with no children and with dependent children, households consisting of lone-parent families have increased progressively (from less than 7% in 1976 to 11% by 2006). There has been a small decrease in households comprising couples living with non-dependent children and little change in those containing "other families".

Questions

You should spend about 10 minutes on Questions 1-10, which are based on the Reading Passage above: Do the following statements agree with the information given in the passage? Select the correct options.

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information

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Q.1 The Australian Institute of Family Studies commenced its research of Australian families in the early 19th century.

True	False	Not Given
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Q.2 The Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) completed three decades in 2010.

True	False	Not Given
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Q.3 The Australian Institute of Family Studies conducted its first census of the average household in Australia in 1911.

True	False	Not Given
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Q.4 A 20th century Australian household was generally larger in size than one in the 21st century.

True	False	Not Given
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Q.5

Most preschool-aged children are taken care of by their grandparents, extended family members, friends and neighbors after school.

True	False	Not Given
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Q.6 The statistics represented by the graph, includes different "family types" in Australia over a period of forty years.

True	False	Not Given
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Q.7 The trend seen in the proportion of all household comprising couple families living with dependent children is similar to that seen in the proportion containing couples living with no children (dependent or otherwise).

True	False	Not Given
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Q.8 By 2006, the numbers of households that were couple families with dependent children fell to 37%.

True	False	Not Given
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Q.9 Households consisting of lone-parent families have almost doubled from 1976 to 2006.

True	False	Not Given
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Q.10 The decrease in households comprising couples living with non-dependent children is because non-dependent children have started living alone.

True	False	Not Given
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Q.11 Instructions for Annotation: Take a print out of the Passage, annotate it and upload the annotated document.



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