

## Marriage is in Trouble

45% of marriages end in divorce [1] American adults who have never been married is at an historic high. [In 2012, 20% of adults ages 25 and older \(about 42 million people\) had never been married.](#) The number was 9% in 1960. the number of U.S. adults in cohabiting relationships has continued to climb, reaching about 18 million in 2016. This is up 29% since 2007, when 14 million adults were cohabiting [2] Between 1960 and 2015, the proportion of all children under age 18 who were living with two married parents decreased steadily, from 85 to 65 percent. In 1960 80% of Black children lived with two parents, today that number is 34%. Other ethnic groups vary significantly regarding those who live with two married parents: 83% of Asian children, 74% percent of white children, and 60% of Hispanic children. All these number drop a bit when the fact that some two parent families do not include the biological father and mother of the child but are second marriages.[3] Finally The average age for Americans getting married has reached a historic high — 27 for women and 29 for men — a jump from the 1990 average marrying age of 23 for women and 26 for men. [4]