



Metropolitan Mirror: Facts and Trends Reflecting the St. Louis Region

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Household Composition in Metropolitan St. Louis

The 2010 Census recorded 98 percent of the metropolitan St. Louis population living in 1,119,020 households. Two percent of the population lived in institutional group quarters (correctional facilities, nursing homes) or noninstitutional group quarters (college dormitories). Household composition is an important indicator of housing demand and social structure.

There are 360,997 households with children under age 18 (32.2 percent of all households) while there are 318,499 households with an individual living alone (28.5 percent of all households).

There are more family households with no children under age 18 (408,544) than there are family households with children under age 18 (324,394). There are 36,603 nonfamily households with children under age 18.

Female householders are nearly 14 percent (13.7) of all family households while male householders are 4.5 percent of all family households. Of female-headed household 55 percent have own children under age 18 and 50 percent (49.9) of male-headed households have own children under age 18.

Total Households	1,119,020
Family Households	732,948
Nonfamily Households	386,072
Family Households	732,948
With own children under age 18	324,394
Without own children under age 18	408,554
Family Households	732,948
Married Couple Family	528,318
Other family household	204,630
Households with children under age 18	360,997
Family household	324,394
Nonfamily household	36,603
Female householder, No Husband Present	153,528
With own children under age 18	84,613
Without own children under age 18	68,915
Male householder, No Wife Present	51,102
With own children under age 18	25,501
Without own children under age 18	25,601
One-person household	318,499
Female	179,377
Male	139,162

FAMILY TYPE BY PRESENCE AND AGE OF **OWN** and **RELATED** CHILDREN

	White				Black				Asian		
	Own	Related			Own	Related			Own	Related	
Total:	580,772	580,772			124,660	124,660			13,744	13,744	
Husband-wife family:	461,762	461,762	79.51%		46,614	46,614	37.39%		11,578	11,578	84.24%
With children under 18 years:	183,018	192,729	9,711	2.10%	19,620	22,701	3,081	6.61%	6,758	6,933	175
Under 6 years only	41,790	45,797	4,007	0.87%	3,282	4,315	1,033	2.22%	2,252	2,322	70
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	35,819	38,628	2,809	0.61%	4,412	5,425	1,013	2.17%	1,406	1,475	69
6 to 17 years only	105,409	108,304	2,895	0.63%	11,926	12,961	1,035	2.22%	3,100	3,136	36
No children under 18 years	278,744	269,033	-9,711	2.10%	26,994	23,913	-3,081	-6.61%	4,820	4,645	-175
Other family:	119,010	119,010			78,046	78,046			2,166	2,166	
<u>Male householder, no wife present:</u>	36,554	36,554			12,110	12,110			689	689	
With children under 18 years:	18,662	20,895	2,233	6.11%	5,696	7,019	1,323	10.92%	271	337	66
Under 6 years only	5,343	6,173	830	2.27%	1,545	1,910	365	3.01%	72	89	17
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	2,188	2,653	465	1.27%	845	1,154	309	2.55%	42	53	11
6 to 17 years only	11,131	12,069	938	2.57%	3,306	3,955	649	5.36%	157	195	38
No children under 18 years	17,892	15,659	-2,233	6.11%	6,414	5,091	-1,323	10.92%	418	352	-66
<u>Female householder, no husband present:</u>	82,456	82,456			65,936	65,936			1,477	1,477	
With children under 18 years:	42,389	48,966	6,577	7.98%	38,986	46,932	7,946	12.05%	795	910	115
Under 6 years only	8,542	10,852	2,310	2.80%	7,704	10,120	2,416	3.66%	170	202	32
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	6,125	7,748	1,623	1.97%	8,629	11,466	2,837	4.30%	99	131	32
6 to 17 years only	27,722	30,366	2,644	3.21%	22,653	25,346	2,693	4.08%	526	577	51
No children under 18 years	40,067	33,490	-6,577	7.98%	26,950	19,004	-7,946	12.05%	682	567	-115

For family households, a detailed analysis by household race shows a number of differences in household types. Asians have the largest percentage of husband-wife family households at 84.24 percent, with Whites at 79.51 percent and African Americans at 37.38 percent. The majority (59.88 percent) of Asian husband-wife family households have children under 18 years old present whereas the majority of both African American and White husband-wife family households do not with 48.7 percent of African American and 41.74 percent of White husband-wife family households having children present.

For family households that are not husband-wife households 84.48 percent of African American households are headed by a female householder, as are 69.28 percent of White and 68.19 percent of Asian other family households. Most of the female-headed household for all three groups have their own children under age 18 present: 59.13 percent of African American female-headed households and 53.83 percent of Asian and 51.41 percent of White female-headed households.

All types of African American households, husband-wife, male- and female-headed households have greater percentages of related children present. Related but not 'own' children include grandchildren and other related children.

Households with Related Children Present

	African American			Asian			White		
	Husband-wife	Female-headed	Male-headed	Husband-wife	Female-headed	Male-headed	Husband-wife	Female-headed	Male-headed
Percent with related children present	6.61%	12.05%	10.92%	1.51%	7.79%	9.58%	2.1%	7.98%	6.11%

