

# 1. Families with children

**Table 1.1 a**  
**Parents' form of cohabitation and type of housing. Families with children living at home by age, 31-12-2002. Number**

Child's age Type of housing	Single parent			Cohabiting parents			All
	Mother	Father	Total	Married	Unmarried	Total	
<b>With children living at home</b>							
0-5 yrs	57 452	5 837	63 289	208 747	153 791	362 538	425 827
6-12 yrs	120 286	23 263	143 549	312 995	118 318	431 313	574 862
13-17 yrs	103 883	25 630	129 513	266 619	52 378	318 997	448 510
0-17 yrs	222 625	47 662	270 287	563 688	241 774	805 462	1 075 749
0-21 yrs	255 615	61 256	316 871	641 189	249 154	890 343	1 207 214
<b>With children living at home 0-5 yrs</b>							
Tenant-owned flat	6 080	629	6 709	15 252	13 245	28 497	35 206
Rented dwelling	35 357	2 256	37 613	52 994	36 604	89 598	127 211
One- or two-dwelling building	15 422	2 916	18 338	138 767	102 692	241 459	259 797
Other	206	19	225	547	408	955	1 180
Information unavailable	387	17	404	1 187	842	2 029	2 433
<b>With children living at home 0-17 yrs</b>							
Tenant-owned flat	26 030	4 467	30 497	33 968	18 961	52 929	83 426
Rented dwelling	115 636	15 180	130 816	101 199	50 304	151 503	282 319
One- or two-dwelling building	78 766	27 602	106 368	424 304	170 677	594 981	701 349
Other	875	177	1 052	1 317	589	1 906	2 958
Information unavailable	1 318	236	1 554	2 900	1 243	4 143	5 697
<b>With children living at home 0-21 yrs</b>							
Tenant-owned flat	31 442	6 052	37 494	39 049	19 594	58 643	96 137
Rented dwelling	131 133	19 654	150 787	111 300	51 815	163 115	313 902
One- or two-dwelling building	90 620	35 018	125 638	486 098	175 864	661 962	787 600
Other	991	241	1 232	1 478	605	2 083	3 315
Information unavailable	1 429	291	1 720	3 264	1 276	4 540	6 260

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002.

Groups of families with children of different ages overlap. Families with children in different age groups are therefore counted several times.

**Table 1.1 b**  
**Parents' form of cohabitation and type of housing. Families with children living at home by age, 31-12-2002. Per cent**

Child's age Type of housing	Single parent			Cohabiting parents			All
	Mother	Father	Total	Married	Unmarried	Total	
<b>With children living at home</b>							
0-5 yrs	13	1	15	49	36	85	100
6-12 yrs	21	4	25	54	21	75	100
13-17 yrs	23	6	29	59	12	71	100
0-17 yrs	21	4	25	52	22	75	100
0-21 yrs	21	5	26	53	21	74	100
<b>With children living at home 0-5 yrs</b>							
Tenant-owned flat	17	2	19	43	38	81	100
Rented dwelling	28	2	30	42	29	70	100
One- or two-dwelling building	6	1	7	53	40	93	100
Other	17	2	19	46	35	81	100
Information unavailable	16	1	17	49	35	83	100
<b>With children living at home 0-17 yrs</b>							
Tenant-owned flat	31	5	37	41	23	63	100
Rented dwelling	41	5	46	36	18	54	100
One- or two-dwelling building	11	4	15	60	24	85	100
Other	30	6	36	45	20	64	100
Information unavailable	23	4	27	51	22	73	100
<b>With children living at home 0-21 yrs</b>							
Tenant-owned flat	33	6	39	41	20	61	100
Rented dwelling	42	6	48	35	17	52	100
One- or two-dwelling building	12	4	16	62	22	84	100
Other	30	7	37	45	18	63	100
Information unavailable	23	5	27	52	20	73	100

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002.

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## Reconstituted families and traditional nuclear families

**Table 1.2**

**Family type and parents' form of cohabitation in reconstituted families, with cohabiting parents. Families with children living at home aged 0-17 and 0-21, 31-12-2002. Number and per cent**

Family type	Number of families			Per cent		
	Married	Cohabiting	All	Married	Cohabiting	All
<b>Children living at home 0-17 yrs</b>						
Traditional nuclear families	517 639	213 373	731 012	71	29	100
Reconstituted families	44 034	28 346	72 380	61	39	100
Of which:						
Woman has own children	35 531	24 326	59 857	59	41	100
Man has own children	5 727	3 002	8 729	66	34	100
Both have own children	2 776	1018	3 794	73	27	100
Other	2 015	55	2 070	97	3	100
All	563 688	241 774	805 462	70	30	100
<b>Children living at home 0-21 yrs</b>						
Traditional nuclear families	590 769	220 716	811 485	73	27	100
Reconstituted families	48 403	28 382	76 785	63	37	100
Of which:						
Woman has own children	38 955	24 356	63 311	62	38	100
Man has own children	6 570	3 008	9 578	69	31	100
Both have own children	2 878	1018	3 896	74	26	100
Other	2 017	56	2 073	97	3	100
All	641 189	249 154	890 343	72	28	100

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002

Families in which none of the children are natural children or with adopted children of either of the parents have been placed in "Other".

## Mine, your and our children

**Table 1.3**

**Family type and parents' form of cohabitation in reconstituted families.**

**Families with children living at home age 0-17 and 0-21, 31-12-2002. Number and per cent**

	Number of families			Per cent		
	Married	Cohabiting	All	Married	Cohabiting	All
<b>Children living at home 0-17 yrs</b>						
Only woman's children	12 202	467	12 669	96	4	100
Only man's children	1 752	14	1 766	99	1	100
Woman's and man's children	1 737	2	1 739	100	0	100
Natural children of both and woman's children	23 329	23 859	47 188	49	51	100
Natural children of both and man's children	3 975	2 988	6 963	57	43	100
Natural children of both, and man's and woman's children	1 039	1016	2 055	51	49	100
All	44 034	28 346	72 380	61	39	100
<b>Children living at home 0-21 yrs</b>						
Only woman's children	15 613	491	16 104	97	3	100
Only man's children	2 591	20	2 611	99	1	100
Woman's and man's children	1 839	2	1 841	100	0	100
Natural children of both and woman's children	23 342	23 865	47 207	49	51	100
Natural children of both and man's children	3979	2 988	6 967	57	43	100
Natural children of both, and man's and woman's children	1 039	1016	2 055	51	49	100
All	48 403	28 382	76 785	63	37	100

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002

## Type of housing and family type

**Table 1.4**

**Family type and type of housing for families with children living at home, aged 0-17 and 0-21, 31-12-2002. Per cent**

Type of housing	Single parent families	Traditional nuclear families	Reconstituted families	Total	Number of families with children
<b>Children living at home 0-17 yrs</b>					
Tenant-owned flat	37	58	5	100	83 335
Rented dwelling	46	48	6	100	282 101
One- or two-dwelling building	15	78	7	100	699 603
Other	36	57	8	100	2 953
Information unavailable	27	66	6	100	5 687
All	25	68	7	100	1 073 679
<b>Children living at home 0-21 yrs</b>					
Tenant-owned flat	39	56	5	100	96 045
Rented dwelling	48	46	6	100	313 684
One- or two-dwelling building	16	77	7	100	785 852
Other	37	55	7	100	3 310
Information unavailable	28	66	6	100	6 250
All	26	67	6	100	1 205 141

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002.

Families in which none of the children are natural children or with adopted children of either of the parents are missing from the table. This applies to 2 073 families with children aged 0-21 yrs.

## Swedish or foreign background

**Table 1.5 a**  
**Parents' form of cohabitation and Swedish or foreign background in families with children living at home, aged 0-17 and 0-21, 31-12-2002. Per cent**

Swedish or foreign background	Single parent	Married	Cohabiting	Total	Total number of families
<b>Children living at home 0-17 yrs</b>					
<b>Mother born:</b>					
In Sweden	21	53	26	100	850 383
Abroad	25	64	11	100	177 650
All	22	55	24	100	1 028 033
<b>Father born:</b>					
In Sweden	6	64	31	100	719 154
Abroad	5	79	16	100	133 577
All	6	66	28	100	852 731
<b>Families with:</b>					
At least one Swedish-born parent	23	52	25	100	935 179
Both parents foreign-born	37	57	7	100	140 128
All	25	52	22	100	1 075 307
<b>Children living at home 0-21 yrs</b>					
<b>Mother born:</b>					
In Sweden	21	54	24	100	948 703
Abroad	26	63	10	100	197 197
All	22	56	22	100	1 145 900
<b>Father born:</b>					
In Sweden	7	65	28	100	804 061
Abroad	6	79	16	100	147 143
All	6	67	26	100	951 204
<b>Families with:</b>					
At least one Swedish-born parent	24	53	23	100	1 049 394
Both parents foreign-born	38	55	6	100	157 373
All	26	53	21	100	1 206 767

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002.

447 families with children aged 0-21 are missing from the table because information is not available on country of birth for the mother and/or the father.

The presentation of families by Swedish or foreign background is done according to guidelines on official statistics. For further information, see Appendix 1 Concepts and definitions.

**Table 1.5 b**  
**Family type and Swedish or foreign background for families with children living at home, aged 0-17 and 0-21, 31-12-2002. Per cent**

Swedish and foreign background	Single parent	Traditional nuclear family	Reconstituted family	Total families	Total number of families
<b>Children living at home aged 0-17</b>					
<b>Mother born:</b>					
In Sweden	21	72	7	100	850 383
Abroad	25	67	8	100	177 650
All	22	71	7	100	1 028 033
<b>Father born:</b>					
In Sweden	6	85	9	100	719 154
Abroad	5	87	8	100	133 577
All	6	86	8	100	852 731
<b>Families with:</b>					
At least one Swedish-born parent	23	69	7	100	935 179
Both parents foreign-born	37	59	5	100	140 128
All	25	68	7	100	1 075 307
<b>Children living at home aged 0-21</b>					
<b>Mother born:</b>					
In Sweden	21	72	7	100	948 703
Abroad	26	66	7	100	197 197
All	22	71	7	100	1 145 900
<b>Father born:</b>					
In Sweden	7	85	8	100	804 061
Abroad	6	87	8	100	147 143
All	6	85	8	100	951 204
<b>Families with:</b>					
At least one Swedish-born parent	24	69	7	100	1 049 394
Both parents foreign-born	38	57	4	100	157 373
All	26	67	6	100	1 206 767

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002.

447 families with children aged 0-21 are missing from the table because information is not available on country of birth of the mother and/or father.

The presentation of families by Swedish or foreign background is done according to guidelines on official statistics. For further information, see Appendix 1 Concepts and definitions.

Families in which none of the children are natural or with an adopted child of one of the parents (other families) are not reported separately in the percentages but are included in the total of column "Total number of families".

## Average number of children

**Table 1.6**

**Average number of children, by parents' form of cohabitation and family type. Families with children living at home aged 0-17 and 0-21, 31-12-2002. Average number of children, number of families and number of children**

Form of cohabitation Family type	Families, with children aged 0-17			Families, with children aged 0-21		
	Average number of children	Number of families	Number of children	Average number of children	Number of families	Number of children
<b>Single parents</b>						
Woman	1.59	222 625	354 013	1.63	255 615	416 126
Man	1.39	47 662	66 140	1.40	61 256	85 459
<b>Cohabiting parents</b>						
Divided by form of cohabitation						
Married	1.93	563 688	1 085 458	1.98	641 189	1 271 004
Unmarried	1.78	241 774	430 196	1.81	249 154	451 884
Divided by family type						
Traditional nuclear families	1.84	731 012	1 342 639	1.89	811 485	1 529 759
Reconstituted families	2.35	72 380	170 059	2.48	76 785	190 167
Other	1.43	2 070	2 956	1.43	2 073	2 962
All families with children	1.80	1 075 749	1 935 807	1.84	1 207 214	2 224 473

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002.

Families in which none of the children are natural or with adopted children of either of the parents have been placed under "Other"

**Table 1.7**

**Average number of children living at home and number of one-child families, by parents' form of cohabitation and housing type. Families with children living at home, aged 0-17 and 0-21, 31-12-2002 Average number and per cent**

Type of housing	Families with children living at home aged 0-17				Families with children living at home aged 0-21			
	Average no. children		Share (%) with one child		Average no. children		Share (%) with one child	
	Single parents	Cohabiting parents	Single parents	Cohabiting parents	Single parents	Cohabiting parents	Single parents	Cohabiting parents
Tenant-owned flat	1.43	1.63	65	50	1.44	1.67	64	48
Rented dwelling	1.54	1.83	60	44	1.57	1.89	59	42
1 or 2 dwelling building	1.61	1.92	53	32	1.64	1.97	52	30
Other	1.57	1.93	58	39	1.59	1.99	57	37
Information unavailable	1.61	1.88	55	37	1.66	1.92	53	35
All families	1.55	1.88	58	36	1.58	1.94	57	34

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002.

**Table 1.8**

**Average number of children living at home and number of one-child families, by parents' form of cohabitation and Swedish or foreign background. Families with children living at home, aged 0-17 and 0-21, 31-12-2002. Average number of children, number of families and per cent**

Country of birth Form of cohabitation	Families with children living at home 0-17			Families with children living at home 0-21		
	Average no. of children	Share (%) with 1 child	Number of families	Average no. of children	Share (%) with 1 child	Number of families
<b>Single mothers</b>						
Born in Sweden	1.56	56	177 539	1.59	55	203 494
Foreign-born	1.71	53	45 073	1.76	51	52 108
All	1.59	56	222 612	1.63	54	255 602
<b>Single fathers</b>						
Born in Sweden	1.38	69	41 515	1.39	69	53 063
Foreign-born	1.46	66	6 144	1.45	67	8 190
All	1.39	68	47 659	1.40	68	61 253
<b>Cohabiting parents</b>						
Both parents born in Sweden	1.87	35	634 021	1.92	33	703 033
Father born in Sweden, mother abroad	1.76	44	43 611	1.81	41	47 958
Mother born in Sweden, father abroad	1.86	38	38 493	1.90	36	41 846
Both parents foreign-born	2.04	36	88 911	2.14	33	97 075
All	1.88	36	805 036	1.94	34	889 912

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002.

447 families with children aged 0-21 are missing in the table because information on country of birth is not available for either the mother and/or father.



## Family size

**Table 1.9 a**  
**Number of children in family, by type of family. Families with children living at home, aged 0-5, 0-17, and 0-21, 31-12-2002. Per cent**

Children's age Form of cohabitation Family type	Number of children in family					All families
	1	2	3	4+	Total	
<b>Children living at home 0-5</b>						
<b>Single parents</b>						
Women	84	15	1	0	100	57 452
Men	88	11	1	0	100	5 837
<b>Cohabiting parents</b>						
Divided by form of cohabitation						
Married	68	29	3	0	100	208 747
Unmarried	73	26	1	0	100	153 791
Divided by family type						
Traditional nuclear families	69	28	2	0	100	323 515
Reconstituted families	74	24	2	0	100	38 733
Other	92	8	.	.	100	290
All families with children	72	26	2	0	100	425 827
<b>Children living at home 0-17</b>						
<b>Single parents</b>						
Women	56	33	9	3	100	222 625
Men	68	25	5	1	100	47 662
<b>Cohabiting parents</b>						
Divided by form of cohabitation						
Married	34	45	16	4	100	563 688
Unmarried	40	46	12	3	100	241 774
Divided by family type						
Traditional nuclear families	37	46	14	3	100	731 012
Reconstituted families	20	40	28	11	100	72 380
Other	69	23	6	2	100	2 070
All families with children	41	42	13	3	100	1 075 749
<b>Children living at home 0-21</b>						
<b>Single parents</b>						
Women	54	33	10	3	100	255 615
Men	68	25	5	1	100	61 256
<b>Cohabiting parents</b>						
Divided by form of cohabitation						
Married	32	45	18	5	100	641 189
Cohabiting	38	47	12	3	100	249 154
Divided by family type						
Traditional nuclear families	35	46	15	4	100	811 485
Reconstituted families	16	39	31	14	100	76 785
Other	69	23	6	2	100	2073
All families with children	40	42		4	100	1 207 214

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002.

**Table 1.9 b**  
**Number of children in family, by type of family. Families with children living at home aged 0-21, 31-12-2002. Number**

Form of cohabitation Family type	Number of children in family												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Single parent</b>													
Women	137 825	85 513	24 616	5 717	1 388	365	122	53	11	3	2	-	-
Men	41 864	15 427	3 317	506	104	28	7	1	1	-	-	1	-
<b>Cohabiting parents</b>													
Divided by form of cohabitation													
Married	205 560	288 421	113 320	25 223	5 884	1 768	609	261	86	38	13	4	2
Unmarried	94 668	115 942	31 030	5 908	1 204	286	71	35	7	1	1	-	1
Divided by family type													
Traditional nuclear families	286 474	373 939	120 337	23 211	5 068	1 542	561	226	74	34	12	4	3
Reconstituted families	12 328	29 954	23 885	7 881	2 014	510	117	70	19	5	2	-	-
Other	1 426	470	128	39	6	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
All families with children	479 917	505 303	172 283	37 354	8 580	2 447	809	350	105	42	16	5	3

Source: Total Population Register 2002. Data refer to 31-12-2002.