

## Census Bureau Reports That Single Parent Households Have Exceptionally High Hardship Rates

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The Census Bureau recently reported that 42% of single parent households experienced at least one of nine measured hardships in 2011, compared to 22% for the population as a whole. U.S. Census Bureau, *Extended Measures of Well-Being: Living Conditions in the United States: 2011* (Sept. 2013), available at <http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p70-136.pdf>. Multiple hardships were experienced by 26% of single parent households, compared to 12% for the population as a whole.

The table below reports the percent of single parent households and of all households experiencing each of the nine measured hardships. The figures are taken from Census Bureau Table 8 available for download at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/well-being/publications/extended-11.html>.

<b>Hardships Experienced in 2011</b>		
	<i>Single Parent Households</i>	<i>All Households</i>
Unpaid essential needs	32.1%	16.1%
Unpaid rent or mortgage	17.8%	8.1%
Evicted	1.3%	0.5%
Unpaid utilities	23.9%	10.5%
Utilities disconnect	4.9%	1.7%
Phone disconnect	10.7%	3.8%
Unmet need for doctor	12.3%	7.9%
Unmet need for dentist	15.9%	9.9%
Not always having enough kinds of wanted food	34.2%	18.6%

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