The Future of Families and Child Wellbeing Study

Housing: Findings from Age 22

The Future of Families and Child Wellbeing Study (FFCWS) is excited to announce the release of Age 22 data on March 25, 2024! The FFCWS is a longitudinal birth cohort study that has been following approximately 5,000 young adults and their families since they were born about 22 years ago. The study oversampled births to unmarried parents resulting in an oversample of disadvantaged families who are often underrepresented in large, national datasets. We have collected data on these young adults and their parents at 7 time periods: when the child was born and when they were ages 1, 3, 5, 9, 15, and 22.

In this brief, we present weighted findings from the FFCWS Year 22 national sample which includes 2,157 young adults and 1,978 PCGs. These findings focus on the topic of housing from the Young Adult survey; the Year 22 PCG survey also includes questions about housing. Year 22 items related to education are outlined in Box 1.

Box 1. Housing Items in FFCWS Y22 Data

In both YA and PCG surveys:
- Type of place in which respondent is living
- Number + relationship of people in household
- Number of moves since Y15 survey
- Moves since March 2020

Who Lives with Young Adult?

At the time of the Year 22 survey:
- 19% of young adults lived with a spouse or romantic partner
- 57% lived with their biological mother and/or father
- 41% lived with their sibling(s)
- 6% lived with their grandparent(s)
- 31% of young adults reported one or more children under 18 living with them

Residential Mobility

- 68% of young adults and 45% of PCGs reported moving at least once since the Year 15 survey
- 25% of young adults and 15% of PCGs reported moving at least once since March 2020
- 5% of young adults were temporarily staying with family or friends at the time of the Year 22 survey
- 6% of PCGs reported having people move in with them in the past 12 months due to financial problems

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