National Center for Family & Marriage Research

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Founded in 2007 by BGSU and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to serve family scholars across the nation.

MISSION STATEMENT:
The mission of the National Center for Family & Marriage Research (NCFMR) is threefold: research, training, and dissemination. Our team of faculty, staff, and graduate and undergraduate students:

• Supports research on key questions about the effects of family structure and processes on the health and well-being of children, adults, families, and communities as well as the influence of programs and policies on marriage.
• Builds research capacity with improved data and methods and brings together multidisciplinary networks of scholars.
• Mentors and trains students and junior professionals, ensuring advancement in research on family structure.
• Translates research to broad communities including researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.

NUMBER OF NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS
• 2,067

AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARLY VISITORS TO OUR WEBSITE
• 51,000

NUMBER OF GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS TRAINED
• 29

NUMBER OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS TRAINED
• 12

NUMBER OF EXTERNAL SCHOLARS FUNDED
• 58

NUMBER OF BGSU AFFILIATES AWARDED INTERNAL GRANTS
• 21

NUMBER OF EVENT ATTENDEES
• 1,346

FUNDING SOURCES
Bowling Green State University
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 2007 – 2013

DATA RESOURCES
The NCFMR produces an extensive set of data resources to facilitate research on families and well-being.

• Original Data: Original data collections sponsored and coordinated by the NCFMR and available for public use.
• Family Profiles: Original analysis summarizing the latest statistics on U.S. families.
• The Data Source: Descriptions of newly released data sets of interest to family researchers.
• Question Crosswalks: Side-by-side comparisons of key family measures (e.g., marriage and remarriage, cohabitation, divorce and separation) available in a dozen large national data sets.
• Working Paper Series & Research Briefs: Written by NCFMR faculty affiliates, researchers, and advanced graduate students.
• Workshop Materials: Data and methods workshop materials including PowerPoint presentations, webcasts, and website links captured from NCFMR workshops.

DATA RESOURCES BY TOPIC

• Adoption
• Adult Well-being
• Attitudes
• Childbearing
• Children and Child Well-being
• Cohabitation
• Divorce and Separation
• Emerging Adulthood
• Family Economic Well-being
• Family Structure
• Fathers
• Generational Differences
• Geographic Variation
• Grandparenthood
• Gray Divorce
• Incarceration
• Marriage
• Measurement
• Mothers
• Relationship Quality
• Religion and Spirituality
• Remarriage
• Same-Sex Relationships
• Unintended Births

KEY AREAS OF RESEARCH

• Complex and changing family forms
• Health and wellbeing of families
• Methodological and data advances
• Data visualization

MEDIA OUTLETS

Newspapers
• The New York Times
• The Wall Street Journal
• Los Angeles Times
• The Washington Post
• USA Today
• Chicago Tribune
• Reuters
• The Atlantic
• Huffington Post
• The Toledo Blade

Magazines
• Forbes
• The Economist
• Science Daily
• Time
• AARP
• Woman’s Day

Television & Radio
• Today
• Fox News
• Fox Business
• NBC News
• WBEZ91.5 Public Radio
• National Public Radio
• The David Pakman Show