

### HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

In 2009, 49.5 percent of women aged 18 years and older were married and living with a spouse; this includes married couples living with other people, such as parents. About 12 percent of women over age 18 were the heads of their households, meaning that they have children or other family members, but no spouse, living with them. Women who are heads of households include single mothers, single women with a parent or other close relative living in their home, and women with other household compositions. More than 17 percent of women lived alone, 15.0 percent lived with relatives, and 5.7 percent lived with non-relatives.

Household composition varies significantly by age. Young women aged 18–24 years were most likely to be living with relatives (56.9 percent) and with non-relatives (14.1 percent). More than 60 percent of women aged 35–44 and 45–64 were living with a spouse. Being a head of household was most common among women aged 25–44. Older women (aged 65 and older) were most likely to be living alone (38.6 percent) with another 41.3 percent living with a spouse.

In 2009, there were 62.3 million married and unmarried couples in households. Among these, 89.6 percent were married opposite-sex couples, 9.5 percent were unmarried opposite-sex cou-

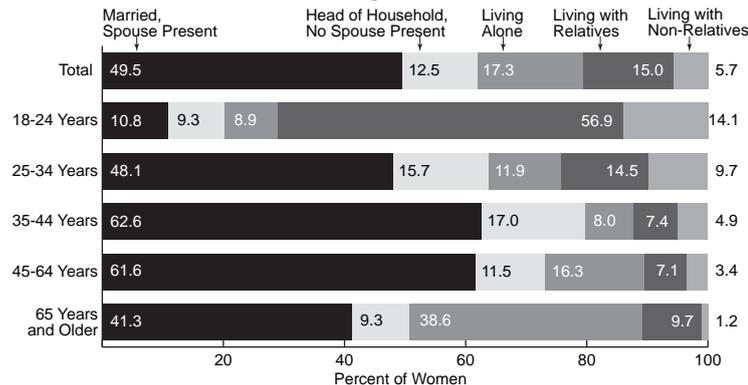
ples, and slightly less than 1 percent were same-sex couples. Among same-sex couples, 51.8 percent were female couples (data not shown).<sup>5</sup>

Children were present in about 42 percent of married or unmarried opposite-sex couple households, 23.9 percent of female couple households, and 11.8 percent of male couple households (data not shown).<sup>5</sup>

In 2009, non-Hispanic Black women were most likely to be single heads of households with family members present (27.5 percent), while non-Hispanic Asian, non-Hispanic White, and non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander women were least likely (7.8, 9.0, and 10.5 percent, respectively).

### Women Aged 18 and Older,\* by Age and Household Composition, 2009

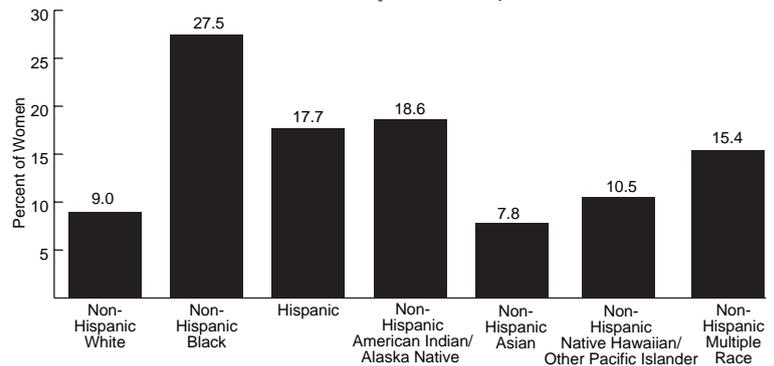
Source I.5: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey



\*Includes the civilian, non-institutionalized population.

### Women Aged 18 and Older Who Are Heads of Households with Family Members,\* by Race/Ethnicity, 2009

Source I.5: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey



\*Includes the civilian, non-institutionalized population; includes those who are heads of households and have children or other family members, but no spouse, living in a house that they own or rent.