

**Families and Crisis
What's Trending?**

Name:

Today, you will be exploring different “trends” of families. A trend simply means “a general” direction in which something is developing or changing”.

GO to the LPS homepage. Once there, in the LPS keyword search box, type in code **RNG7**. **Click continue to site**. This code will take you to the page you will be working from today. You will need to read.

<http://www.dsusd.k12.ca.us/users/scottsh/Trends%20in%20American%20Family%20Life.htm>

Delayed Marriage

What two reasons does the article say people are delaying getting married?

What does cohabitation mean?

Do you think a couple should live together before marriage/long term commitment? Why or why not?

Delayed Childbearing

What is the biggest challenge faced by people having children in their thirties?

Childlessness

What are some things that people without children value?

In your opinion, what is one negative aspect of not having children?

Dual Earner Marriages

Why do women work?

What is the Family Leave Medical Act?

What benefit do working mothers give their daughters?

One Parent Households

What percentage of “one parent households” makes up American families?

How many of the households are run by women?

What does responsibility overload mean?

What does task overload mean?

What does emotional overload mean?

Remarriage

When families “blend”, there is a period of adjustment. Identify two things that a blended family would need to adjust do during remarriage.

Looking back over all of the trends you explored, in your opinion, what TREND do you think impacts the current state of families the MOST?

Do you think this trend is positive or negative? Support your answer.