A Record 60.6 Million Americans Live in Multigenerational Households (2016)

This article explores the Pew Research Center’s analysis of U.S. Census data from 1950-2000 and from 2006-2014 to establish a historical pattern in the rise and fall of multigenerational households in the United States. The Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan Washington D.C.-based research group that gathers and interprets data on a variety of social issues and demographic trends. This article discusses trends observed in the number of multigenerational households as well as the age and ethnic groups most likely to participate.

Highlights

Nearly 1 out of every 5 ...

In 2014 the U.S. Census found that 60.6 million individuals (or 19% of the total U.S. population) lived with multiple generations under one roof.

An Ethnic Lens

Whites were the least likely (15%) to live in a multigenerational household.

Hispanics were tied for 2nd most likely (25%) alongside African Americans.

Asians were the most likely (28%).

What about Gender?

Women (20%) were slightly more likely than men (18%) to live in a multigenerational household. However, the pattern is reversed with adult men ages 25-44, who were more likely than their female counterparts to live in a house with multiple generations.

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