

Event 2: Fathers take a more active role in parenting.

Event 3: The Federal government increases the allowable tax deduction or gives a tax credit for each dependent.

Event 4: An effective parental leave bill is passed which allows parents leave time for child care while simultaneously preserving seniority.

Event 5: In 1992, single mothers accounted for approximately 30% of all births, though these numbers vary significantly across age groups and races. The statistics surrounding single parent households are sobering. Single parent households are six times more likely to be poor than households headed by married parents. In fact, more than half of the 5 million women then on welfare started as unwed teenage mothers. How will the costs associated with parenting differ according to the marital status of the parent(s)?