

# Busy Lives in America

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## Necessary Requirements

In 1973 73% of jobs required a high school diploma.

41% of jobs in 2007 required a high school diploma.



## Women and Work Pressure

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In Forbes, it discusses how women work more than ever. Women feel pressure to work and aid in living costs.

However, there is still significant number of women staying home because of day care costs.

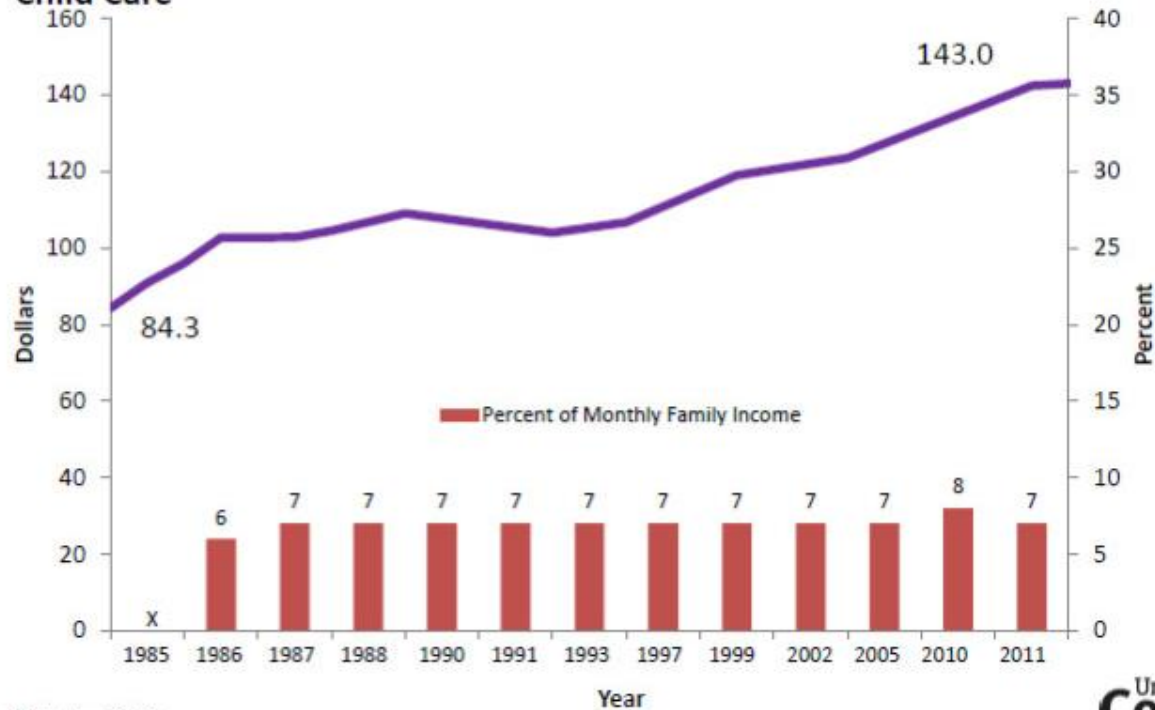


# Birth Control

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- There is now a lot of programs aiming at teens and young adults of preventing unwanted pregnancies.
- IUD is as effective as tying your tubes and can last up to 10yrs
- Is a big reason why America is having less babies.

**Average Weekly Cost of Child Care for Families with Employed Mothers: 1985 – 2011 and Percent of Monthly Income Spent on Child Care <sup>1</sup>**



X (Not Available).

<sup>1</sup> Average expenditures per week among people making child care payments. In constant 2011 dollars.

<sup>2</sup> Computed using average Consumer Price Index for a given calendar year as calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Note: Beginning in 1997, edits of employment categories were changed to better capture arrangements other than wage and salary employment. This may affect comparisons to survey data from earlier years.

Source: Tabulations derived from Current Population Reports, Series P70-36, Table 6, U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), 1995-2008 Panel Wave 4; 2008 Panel Wave 5 and 8.

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**Daycare Increasing**

# Minimum Wage

- In 1970 minimum wage is \$1.60
- In 2007 minimum wage is \$7.25
- It is 353% increase, but all other prices went up.



# Tuition Increases

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- In 1970, one year of tuition at a public university was \$1,207
- You could work all year and be able to afford tuition.
- In 2007 one year of tuition at a public university is \$11,304.
- The only way to afford to work and pay tuition would be student loans.
- That is 994% increase, whereas the wage increase is only 334%



# Working and School

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- It is recommended students should work only 20hr while attending school.
- Nation wide 17% of students worked 20-34hrs a week
- Nationwide 6% worked 35+hr a week
- In 1960, college graduates got their first job (lasts 3+ years) at 24
- In 2010, college graduates got their first job (lasts 3+ years) at 28-32

## Paying for Tuition

41% rely on financial aid

22% is paid by parents

18% pay their way

16% rely on scholar scholarships

The average student loan debt is 5 times as more during the 1980's



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