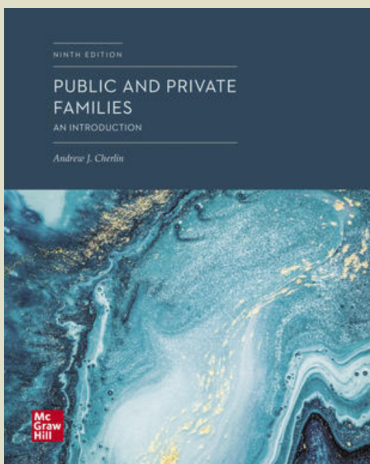




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# Changes to Cherlin: Public and Private Families, 9e

All statistics in the text have been updated whenever possible. The structure of the chapters in the book remains the same as in the 8<sup>th</sup> edition.

## Chapter 1. Public and Private Families.

- The definition of the private family to accommodate alternative families such as the Scarborough 11 and the voluntary-kinship based families formed by some LGBTQ individuals has been slightly altered. The author indicates that family members do not all need to be related by blood or marriage.
- The term “voluntary kinship” has replaced the term “created kinship,” since the “voluntary” term is more common in the literature.
- The 1999 New York Times survey reference in which people were much more pessimistic about other families than about theirs has been removed.
- A fifth theoretical perspective: queer theory has been added. In previous editions, this was discussed briefly in other chapters, and this is continued in the current edition. But due to its popularity among scholars, it has been given equal status with other important theoretical perspectives. Several new key terms have been added in this chapter: cisgender people, transgender people, heteronormativity, monogamy, polyamory, and queer theory.
- The discussion of intersectionality from Chapter 3 (gender) has been moved to this chapter. The intersectional perspective has become more prominent among social theorists.

## Chapter 2. The History of the Family

- The section on the historical emergence of sexual identities from Chapter 6 in the previous edition has been moved to Chapter 2 of this edition. This move reflects the author’s view that the material on sexuality and the family has become more central to sociological research and should be introduced earlier.
- The section on the origins of family and kinship, which described hunter-gatherer society and lineages has been deleted; however, material on lineages in the section on American Indians has been included later in the chapter.
- The discussion of African roots of African American cultural patterns has been deleted.
- A sub-section on gay and lesbian emerging adults in the period from 1945 – 2000 has been added to the section on emerging adulthood.

## Chapter 3. Gender and Families

- Update on attention to transgender issues, including an estimate of how many transgender people there are in the United States.
- In this edition, the concept of intersectionality is introduced in Chapter 1, rather than in Chapter 3. Here the author writes about the origin of the concept in gender studies and gives an example of its usefulness.

## Chapter 4. Social Class and Family Inequality

- New estimates of the lifetime prevalence of homelessness among the baby boom generation are presented.
- An out-of-date discussion about how couples decide what class they are in has been removed.
- There is a new section on the rise in “deaths of despair” due to alcohol poisoning and drug overdoses among whites without college degrees, but not among African Americans and Hispanics without College Degrees.

## Chapter 5. Race, Ethnicity, and Families

- This chapter includes an update on racial and ethnic categories to be used in the 2020 Census. (See boxed feature, “How Should Multiracial Families Be Counted?”)
- In the section on Hispanic families, more information is presented on migration from Central America. It notes that Salvadorans are now a larger group in the U.S. than are Cubans. A subsection titled “Salvadorans” has been added.

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## Chapter 6. Sexualities

- Historical material on the emergence of sexual identities has been moved to Chapter 2.
- A new section on LGBTQ family life has been added, focusing on defining and forming families, becoming parents, and dividing the household labor.
- Evidence is presented that men's heterosexuality may be more precarious than women's.
- Up-to-date twin studies and GWAS gene-sequencing studies on biological influences on sexuality are discussed.
- Evidence is presented that a greater increase in same-sex sexual activity has occurred among women than among men.

## Chapter 7. Cohabitation and Marriage

- A new section on online matchmaking and commitment is included.
- A new estimate of the number of Americans who are in living-apart relationships is presented.
- The author reports that a majority of all same-sex couples in the United States who are living together are now married.

## Chapter 8. Work and Families

- A new chapter opener contrasts the amount and kind of child care that male physicians and male emergency medical technicians tend to do (from Clawson & Gerstel, 2014).
- New sub-section presents research showing that single and cohabiting mothers tend to do less housework, have more leisure time, and sleep more than married mothers.
- The author discusses the results of studies of the division of labor in same-sex couples.
- The section on work hours has been rewritten, formerly titled "Overworked and Underworked Americans." Among other updates, the new section emphasizes the "normal unpredictability" (new key term) of work hours among less-educated workers.

## Chapter 9. Children and Parents

- The author considers controversial research suggesting that the amount of time that mothers spend with their children is not associated with how well the children are faring. (See the section, "What's Important?")
- A new sub-section on the difficulties that unauthorized-immigrant parents face in raising their United-States-born children.

## Chapter 10. Older People and Their Families

- A new sub-section on grandfamilies (called in previous editions, skipped-generation households): families in which grandparents are raising grandchildren without the parents being present. It draws upon a recent book by Rachel Dunifon (2018).
- The sub-section on the effects of divorce and remarriage has been removed. More on post-dissolution relationships is included in Chapter 12.

## Chapter 11. Domestic Violence

- The author presents new research showing that during the Great Recession men acted in a more coercively controlling way toward their partners in areas where the unemployment rate was increasing rapidly, even after taking into account whether the men themselves were unemployed (Schneider, Harknett, & McLanahan, 2016).
- Attention is brought to the sharp rise in the number of children in foster care due, in large part, to the opioid addiction and death crisis. See the boxed feature, Families and Public Policy: The Swinging Pendulum of Foster Care Policy.

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### Chapter 12. Union Dissolution and Repartnering

- This chapter has been slightly revised. The previous edition was too focused on divorce. The 9<sup>th</sup> edition now notes that the rise of cohabiting unions has been the major factor driving dissolution and repartnering among young adults over the past few decades.
- A new chart (Figure 12.1) shows that while the overall percentage of children experiencing parental union disruption hasn't changed much, the source has: Children born to cohabiting parents constitute a larger share of all children experiencing dissolution than in the past.
- The author presents evidence from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics that families with older stepparents or adult stepchildren exchange less assistance up and down the generations than do families with only biological parents and children, which suggests a problem for future generations in societies (such as the U.S.) that rely on family members to provide assistance and care (Wiemers, Seltzer, Schoeni, Hotz, & Bianchi, 2019).

### Chapter 13. International Family Change

- The great rise of cohabitation in many regions of the world necessitates an expanded, separate section on the "cohabitation boom."

### Chapter 14. The Family, the State, and Social Policy

- The author discusses recent bipartisan activity on the issue of paid parental leave that raises the possibility that national legislation will be enacted in the near future.

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