Section E

Trends In Adolescent Health: The Changing 20s
Source: William A. Galston, Senior Fellow
The Brookings Institution
College Enrolled, 1980-2003, by Gender

U.S. Workers in Their 20s with at Least a BA, by Gender

Labor Force Participation Rate, Ages 25 to 35, by Gender

Data Source: Roussel, E. Analysis of CPS data. The Brookings Institution,
African-American Labor Force Participation Rate, Ages 25 to 35

Data Source: Roussel, E. Analysis of CPS data. The Brookings Institution,
Female-to-Male Earnings Ratio by Gender

Data Source: Roussel, E. Analysis of CPS data. The Brookings Institution,
Married at Age 25 (%)

Data Source: Calculations based on tables in On the Frontier of Adulthood, pp. 60-71 (2005).

Median Age at First Marriage, 1950-2006

Data Source: Current population survey, table MS-2.
Median Age at First Marriage, 2000, by Country

Cohabit at Least Once Prior to Marriage

Births to Cohabiting Couples as a Percentage of Births to Unmarried Women

1980-1984: 29%
1997-2001: 53%

Status of Couples When Baby Is Age 2, by Status at Birth

Women Age 19 to 29 Living with at Least One Parent, 1960 vs. 2000

Probability of No Health Insurance, by Age and Sex

American Views on Important Events Defining Adulthood

Data Source: Furstenberg, et al. (2004). Growing up is harder to do.
## Necessary for Adulthood?

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<th>Top four items</th>
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<td>Accept responsibility for the consequences of your actions</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<td>Decide on personal beliefs and values independently of parents or other influences</td>
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<td>Become less self-oriented, develop greater consideration for others</td>
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<td>Financially independent from parents</td>
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<td>Become employed full-time</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>Married</td>
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<td>Finished with education</td>
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<td>Have at least one child</td>
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Note: The questionnaire asked participants to “indicate whether you think each of the following must be achieved before a person can be considered an adult.”