

52% of young adults in US live with parents

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A new study from the Pew Research Center has revealed that most adults under 30 years old are now living with their parents. The study says the number of 18- to 30-year-olds who live at home has hit an 80-year high. Around 52 per cent, or

26.6 million, of young people are at home with one or both of their parents. Researchers say that not since 1940 have so many of the younger generation lived with their parents. Only in the Great Depression of the 1930s was the percentage higher. The researchers say there has been a recent rise in the number of young adults moving back in with their parents. A contributory factor to this spike is the economic downturn and a rise in unemployment caused by coronavirus.

Regarding the economy, financial analyst Jeremy Sopko said: "You have to take into account two huge factors: massive student loan debt and a lack of available work." He added: "It's a difficult situation that's been exacerbated by the pandemic and it may take...the better part of a decade for younger demographics to recover and be financially stable enough to leave home." Another commentator said the trend could have adverse effects on the property rental market. She said: "With a lot of young people not renting, not moving into cities...there is a lot of inventory coming onto the market." Mr Sopko concluded: "For the most part, nobody wants to be living at home with mom and dad."

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Writing

Everyone should leave the parental home by the age of 21. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

study / research / young / adults / home / parents / younger generation / downturn / economy / analyst / student loan / debt / pandemic / stable / property rental / cities

True / False

- a) The article says over half of adults worldwide live with their parents. T / F
- b) Around 26 million young adults in the USA live with their parents. T / F
- c) A greater percentage of young adults lived at home in the 1930s. T / F
- d) More young people are living at home because of coronavirus. T / F
- e) An analyst said a lack of student loans was a problem. T / F
- f) It might take nearly 10 years for young adults to be able to leave home. T / F
- g) An analyst said the property rental market is being badly hit. T / F
- h) An analyst said most young adults want to live with their parents. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. study | a. joblessness |
| 2. hit | b. stock |
| 3. factor | c. reached |
| 4. unemployment | d. economic |
| 5. spike | e. paper |
| 6. financial | f. steady |
| 7. exacerbated | g. unfavorable |
| 8. stable | h. increase |
| 9. adverse | i. worsened |
| 10. inventory | j. element |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of young adults?
- b) What do you think of living at home?
- c) Why are more young people living at home?
- d) What are the good things about living with your parents?
- e) Should all young adults have to leave home?
- f) What do you know about the Great Depression?
- g) Has coronavirus affected you financially?
- h) How has coronavirus affected your country financially?

Phrase Match

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. hit an 80-year | a. analyst |
| 2. so many of the younger | b. in the number |
| 3. a recent rise | c. this spike |
| 4. A contributory factor to | d. part |
| 5. a rise in unemployment | e. account two huge factors |
| 6. financial | f. high |
| 7. take into | g. to leave home |
| 8. massive student | h. caused by coronavirus |
| 9. financially stable enough | i. loan debt |
| 10. For the most | j. generation |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think of student loans?
- Why will it take a decade for young adults to be able to leave home?
- What are the bad things about living with your parents?
- Is it better to rent or buy an apartment?
- Would you prefer to live at home or on your own?
- What advice do you have for young adults?
- What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. e	2. c	3. j	4. a	5. h
6. d	7. i	8. f	9. g	10. b

Role Play

Role A – Food

You think food is the best thing about living at home. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): low rent, washing or chatting.

Role B – Low Rent

You think low rent is the best thing about living at home. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): food, washing or chatting.

Role C – Washing

You think washing is the best thing about living at home. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): low rent, food or chatting.

Role D – Chatting

You think chatting is the best thing about living at home. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least attractive of these (and why): low rent, washing or food.

Speaking – Living at Home

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about living at home at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Weekends | • Meals |
| • Chatting | • Low / No rent |
| • Bedroom | • Being with family |
| • Money | • Washing |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.