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One-parent families are considered to be a social problem in many countries. Up to now comparative studies of the relative economic position of one-parent families were based upon hypothetical family types using average earnings or percentages thereof and calculating social transfers according to the social security regulations of the countries under review. A newly built data base (Luxembourg Income Study, called LIS) containing individual and household income data for seven major industrialized countries (Sweden, Norway, United Kingdom, Israel, United States, Canada, Federal Republic of Germany) referring to years around 1980 now enables researchers to compare the economic positions of various family types on an empirical basis and to analyse the determinants of differences among these countries in the relative positions.

This study on the one hand compares the economic position of oneparent families as indicated by their average net income per adult equivalent unit in six countries and on the other differences in the income distributions of one-parent and two-parent families. Differences in factor income, private transfers, public transfers, taxes and social security contributions are considered to be the main determinants of differences among countries in the relative economic positions of one-parent families. If countries are ranked by the relative economic position of their one-parent families, it is found that the first rank of Sweden is due to a high labor force participation of lone parents and generous and comprehensive public transfers. Germany's second rank results from high labor force participation but much less generous public transfers in favor of one-parent families. Israel and the UK mainly rely upon public transfers but can only secure a middle rank position. Canada and the USA show medium labor force participation, but rather low and mainly means-tested transfers thus reaching only low rank positions.

Considering distributional aspects, the welfare positions of one-parent families are generally less equally distributed than the positions of two-parent families. The ranking of countries by inequality measures for one-parent families is similar to that found by using the relative economic positions of these groups. By defining a "low welfare line" it is shown that high proportions of one-parent families with more than two minor children are in a very disadvantageous position, thus constituting an unsolved social problem.

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#### Zusammenfassung

Ein-Elternteil-Familien werden in vielen Ländern als ein soziales Problem betrachtet. Bis jetzt beruhten vergleichende Studien ihrer relativen ökonomischen Position lediglich auf hypothetischen Familientypen, für die bestimmte Prozentsätze des durchschnittlichen Arbeitseinkommens unterstellt wurden; auf dieser Basis wurden dann die entsprechenden Sozialleistungen errechnet. Eine neu erstellte Datenbank (Luxembourg Income Study, abgekürzt LIS), die Individual- und Haushaltsdaten aus dem Einkommens- und Transferbereich für sieben wichtige Industrieländer (Schweden, Norwegen, Großbritannien, Israel, USA, Kanada und Bundesrepublik Deutschland) für Jahre um 1980 umfaßt, ermöglicht es nunmehr, die durchschnittliche ökonomische Position einzelner Familientypen auf empirischer Basis zu ermitteln und die Determinanten für Unterschiede zwischen den Ländern zu analysieren.

In der vorliegenden Studie werden einerseits die relativen ökonomischen Positionen von Ein-Elternteil-Familien und vollständigen Familien (gemessen am Verhältnis der gewichteten durchschnittlichen Nettoeinkommen der jeweiligen Haushaltsgruppen) und andererseits Unterschiede in den Einkommensverteilungen verglichen. Als wichtigste Determinanten für die Unterschiede in den relativen Positionen von Ein-Elternteil-Familien werden die Faktoreinkommen. die privaten und staatlichen Transfers sowie Steuer- und Sozialabgaben herausgearbei-Wenn man die untersuchten Länder entsprechend der relativen Position ihrer Ein-Elternteil-Familien in eine Rangfolge bringt, zeigt sich, daß die erste Rangstelle Schwedens sowohl durch eine hohe Arbeitsmarktbeteiligung dieser Gruppe als auch durch großzügige und umfassende staatliche Sozialleistungen bedingt ist. Der zweite Rangplatz der Bundesrepublik ergibt sich vor allem aus einer hohen Arbeitsmarktbeteiligung der Alleinstehenden mit Kindern, während die staatlichen Sozialleistungen weit weniger ins Gewicht fallen. Israel und Großbritannien gewähren bei geringerer Arbeitsmarktbeteiligung beträchtliche staatliche Sozialleistungen, können sich dadurch aber nur mittlere Rangstellen sichern. In Kanada und in den USA besteht zwar eine mittlere Arbeitsmarktbeteiligung, jedoch sind die Sozialleistungen sehr niedrig und größtenteils auch noch von Bedarfsprüfungen abhängig, so daß diese Länder nur die unteren Rangplätze erreichen.

Betrachtet man die Verteilung des Wohlstandes (gemessen durch ein mit der Haushaltsgröße gewichtetes Nettoeinkommen), so zeigt sich bei den Ein-Elternteil-Familien eine größere Ungleichheit als bei den vollständigen Familien. Die Rangfolge der Länder im Hinblick auf das Ausmaß der Ungleichheit zwischen den Ein-Elternteil-Familien entspricht annähernd jener, die sich auf der Basis der relativen ökonomischen Positionen dieser Gruppe ergibt. Wenn man die Hälfte des durchschnittlichen pro-Kopf-Wohlstandes als eine Markierungslinie zur Abgrenzung von Niedrigeinkommensbeziehern festlegt, so zeigt sich, daß insbesondere ein sehr hoher Anteil der Ein-Elternteil-Familien mit mehr als zwei minderjährigen Kindern zu dieser Niedrigeinkommensgruppe gehört. Diese Familien stellen aufgrund ihrer benachteiligten Situation in allen verglichenen Ländern ein besonderes, noch ungelöstes soziales Problem dar.

#### I. Introduction

One-parent families are being considered a growing social problem in many developed nations. In 1971 the XIIth Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Family Affairs in Stockholm chose it as the main theme of the Conference.

In 1974 the Finer Report<sup>1)</sup> investigated the situation in the UK and also made a thorough comparative study of several other European countries, namely Denmark, Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany. But the comparative part of the Finer Report was mainly restricted to the various institutional provisions for income maintenance of one-parent families, the administrative procedures and some complementary social services. Earnings and public transfers were compared only for a few standardized family types.

The Final Report of the Commission of the European Communities on the First Programme to Combat Poverty in 1981<sup>2)</sup> showed on an empirical basis that one-parent families bear a very high risk of becoming poor, especially if they have two or more children. In 1982 a sequel to this study dealt especially with the situation of one-parent families in the EEC member countries.<sup>3)</sup> It concluded that in most member countries the empirical information about these families is insufficient to make precise comparisons, but it confirmed that these groups bear a poverty risk far above average.

Another new comparative study by Kahn and Kamerman 1 reinvestigated

<sup>1)</sup> Report of the Committee on One-Parent Families (Finer Report), London 1975, HMSO Cmnd 5629-I

<sup>2)</sup> Final Report from the Commission to the Council on the First Programme of Pilot Schemes and Studies to Combat Poverty, Brussels, 1981 (KOM (81) 769 endg.)

<sup>3)</sup> H. Frijs, L. Lauritsen, St. Scheuer, Die Familien mit nur einem Elternteil und die Armut in der EG, Bericht an die Kommission der Europäischen Gemeinschaften, Brüssel 1982 (vervielf. Dokument V/2541/82 und V/2541/2/82).

<sup>4)</sup> A. Kahn, Sh. Kamerman, Income Transfers for Families with Children. An Eighth Country Study, Philadelphia 1983. The countries chosen (continued on page 6)

the institutional provisions for families with children - among them one-parent families - in eight developed countries, but went further in distinguishing 15 family types and comparing their relative positions using the statutory provisions in each country for calculating the specific benefits. Only within-country comparisons of various family types were intended; no attempt was made to provide between-country comparisons of absolute standards of living.

To put it another way, even this new comparative study leaves us with several open questions:

- (1) the empirical frequency of each family type within each country
- (2) the relative economic position of each family type within each country
- (3) the influence of factor incomes, private transfers and public transfers on the relative economic position of each family type within each country
- (4) the relative living standards of each family type resulting from between-country comparisons.

The LIS data base is suited to deal with these questions. An exploratory analysis for one-parent families, restricted to questions 1-3, will be presented in this study. Between-country comparisons of living standards bring up a host of additional methodological problems and, therefore, no attempt is made to deal with the fourth question.

The countries selected are those for which sets of individual cross section data (referring to years around the end of the seventies) are integrated into the LIS data base; namely USA, Canada, UK, Sweden, Israel and Germany (Federal Republic)<sup>1)</sup>. All these countries can be classified as major industrialized countries.

<sup>(</sup>continued from page 5)
for comparison were Sweden, USA, West-Germany, Canada, France,
Australia, UK, Israel.

Although data for Norway are integrated into the LIS data base, this country has to be left out in this study because the data were not suited to distinguish one-parent families according to the same criteria that were used for other countries.

# II. The Relative Economic Positions of One-Parent Families with Minor Children

#### 1. The Framework of Comparison

The living conditions of one-parent families can be compared to several other groups within each country. Single persons or couples without children or two-parent families with minor children are the most obvious reference groups. But one could also think of all households with a head of household at working age or within even more narrow age brackets. For this exploratory analysis we have chosen two-parent families with minor children as the reference group in order to concentrate on the differences between family types with minor children. This means that the differences between countries in the relative positions of families with minor children compared to singles or to couples without children, either at working age or at pensionable age, are not taken into account. These relative positions of all families with minor children may vary from country to country for many reasons, one of the most important being differences in tax policies and social security provisions with respect to the elderly and to single persons and couples without children.

Compared to two-parent families, one-parent families with minor children are disadvantaged in many aspects. The lone parent has to raise the children without being able to share the duties of nursing, day care, education and providing a home with a second parent. In case of sickness, accident or another emergency, no spouse is available who could help out. So to speak, a very elementary form of risk-sharing is missing.

The single parent also has to maintain by himself the integration of his or her family into the social network of relatives, friends, neighbourhood and community, and to provide opportunities for the integration of the children. Finally, the lone parent has to be the sole breadwinner, if the family is not fully supported in cash or in-kind by private or public transfers.

A comparison between one-parent and two-parent families with respect

to all economic, social and psychological aspects of their living conditions within the framework of a comparative six-country study is not feasible at present. Therefore, a pragmatic reduction of the dimensions of comparison is necessary.

Three important economic dimensions of living conditions of families with children are net income, the availability of time for child care and household duties and the availability of real public transfers. 1)

If a lone parent works full time, there is less time left for child care and household duties than in a two-parent family with both spouses in full-time employment. This has to be considered as an unfavorable element of the living conditions. The difference in available time is even more to the disadvantage of a one-parent family if the lone parent works full-time, compared to the two-parent family where one spouse can spend all his/her time for child rearing and household duties. Only if a single parent does not need to spend time to earn an income, the balance of available time may be in his/her favor.

Therefore, a comparison of the positions of one-parent and two-parent families in principle ought to account for these differences in available time by using a wider concept of economic resources instead of net income only.

To a limited extent personal child care by parents can be substituted by public or private services from outside the family, usually at a cost, e.g. day care centers, nursing homes, boarding schools. These differences also ought to be taken into account in calculating the relative position of one-parent families. Similarly there may exist differences between one-parent and two-parent families with respect to the availability of real public transfers, especially in the areas of health care, housing, public transportation and education. Since these

A fourth economic dimension of living conditions consists of a family's net wealth. This factor is also not dealt with because of lack of wealth data in the LIS data base.

differences are not revealed in net incomes, modifications would be necessary.

At present it is not possible to account systematically and comprehensively for differences concerning available time, the use of services from outside the family and the availability of real public transfers. Therefore, we can only hint at these limitations of the comparisons to follow which are only based on net income.

Various theoretical concepts of one-parent and two-parent families exist, depending on the problem an analyst wants to tackle. With a legally oriented approach, institutional characteristics like marriage, blood relations and liabilities for maintenance are used to define families. A more functional approach emphasizes factual relations between persons, like cohabitation, factual income sharing and exchange of personal services within a household.

Given the differences of the legal systems among countries, a functional approach seems to be preferable for comparative studies. Following this line, an adult caring for one or more minor children (under 18), without another adult being present in the household, is considered to be a one-parent family. This definition includes a natural parent living with his/her own children, but also adopted children or foster children. For various reasons, one-parent families sometimes live together in the same household with other adults, like their parents or relatives or unrelated persons. These living arrangements may. result in sharing household costs and in the exchange of personal services that are beneficial for all household members. Since these intra-household transfers are not known, we concentrate our analysis on the one-parent families with minor children who live in a household of their own. This definition is more narrow than definitions in official statistics so that we have to expect a smaller proportion of one-parent families within our data sets. 1)

According to this functional approach, two-parent families are defined

<sup>1)</sup> This definition fully corresponds to the definition used in the Swedish data set. Data sets of other countries had to be recalculated.

as husband and wife, living with minor children in the same household with no other adults present or two adults living with minor children in the same household. 1) To bring out differences between one-parent and two-parent families more clearly, families with more than two adults are classified among "other units" as well as single persons and other household types.

The analysis will be based upon net income or elements thereof. Net income is defined as factor income plus employment related pensions plus public and private transfers, minus direct taxes and payroll taxes. 2)

Mean values of net income will be defined alternatively as income per family or income per capita or income per adult equivalent unit of the respective groups. Net income per adult equivalent unit of a family is calculated by using a simple equivalence scale assigning a weight of 1 to the head of household and a weight of 0.5 to each further member of the household/family assuming that the net incomes of all family members are pooled and distributed such that each member attains the same welfare level. Therefore, we use the term "relative welfare position", if mean values of net income per adult equivalent unit of various groups are compared. Between-country comparisons refer only to relative positions within countries, thus avoiding comparisons of absolute levels of living standards of various groups.

This definition fully corresponds to the definition used in the Swedish data set. Data sets of other countries had to be recalculated.

For details see T. Smeeding et al., An introduction to LIS, in: T. Smeeding/M. O'Higgins, Poverty, Inequality and the Distribution of Income in International Perspective, Wheatsheaf Books Ltd. 1986, Table 3

<sup>3)</sup> The equivalence scale used is the same as the one used by T. Smeeding et al., Poverty in Major Industrialized Countries, in: T. Smeeding/M. O'Higgins, op. cit., multiplied by 2. Since we do not show absolute levels, this transformation is irrelevant.

#### 2. Empirical Results

### 2.1. Demographic Aspects

We will start our analysis by presenting some demographic information.  $^{1)}$ 

Table 1 shows total numbers and proportions of one-parent and two-parent families in all the countries. The proportions of one-parent families in relation to all units vary from 1.5% (Israel) to 6.1% (USA) with a lower middle group comprising Germany (2.5%) and the UK (3.3%) and an upper middle group consisting of Canada (4.3%) and Sweden (4.4%). Compared to Smeeding's calculations<sup>2</sup>), our figures are lower for all countries, except for Sweden. This is the result of three effects: First, we only counted one-parent families living in a household of their own which reduces the number of one-parent families considerably. Second, we did not use an age limit of 65 for the parent which might result in a slight increase, and third, we did not restrict our analysis to natural parents, but counted all adults, living with children in their household. This also increases the number of one-parent families, but obviously the first effect dominates the other two. Similar effects explain the lower percentages of two-parent families in all countries, except Sweden. If we look at the ratios of one-parent to two-parent families, we find a similar ranking of countries. The top group consists of the USA (24.7%) and Sweden (21.8%), Israel has the lowest ratio of 3.9% and the other countries are in between (Germany 10.4%; UK 11.2%; Canada 15.5%).3)

<sup>1)</sup> Since the population coverage of the samples in the LIS data base varies slightly from country to country, the grossed up numbers of families and persons are smaller than the "true" figures for the whole population. For details compare T. Smeeding et al.. An Introduction to LIS, in: T. Smeeding/M. O'Higgins, op. cit.

T. Smeeding et al., Poverty in Major Industrialized Countries, in: T. Smeeding/M. O'Higgins, op. cit., Table 2

<sup>3)</sup> These ratios roughly correspond to information from other sources, if the more narrow definitions of our analysis are taken into account. Compare: Jane Millar, Lone Parents, Income Support and Living Standards: A Review of the Comparative Literature, University of York, Social Policy Research Unit discussion paper, DHSS 265, 1985

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One-Parent Families (1), Iwo-Parent Families (2), and Other Units in Six Industrialized Countries - Percentage of All Units -- Millions of Units -

Country (Year)	One-Parent Families Two-Parent Families Other Units All
	Fam. Pers. Fam. Pers. Fam. Pers. abs. % abs.
Sweden	0.192 0.467 0.887 3.355 3.285 4.364 4.364 8.186
(1979)	4.4 5.7 20.3 41.0 75.3 53.3 100 100
UK (3)	0.228 0.640 2.035 8.141 4.625 9.529 6.888 18.310
(1978)	3.3 3.5 29.5 44.5 67.2 52.0 100 100
ISRAEL (4)	0.013 0.037 0.346 1.536 0.534 1.493 0.893 3.066
(1979)	1.5 1.2 38.7 50.1 59.8 48.7 100 100
USA	5.061 14.803 20.867 83.159 58.055 119.731 83.983 217.693
(1979)	6.1 6.8 24.7 38.2 69.2 55.0 100 100
CANADA	0.383 1.031 2.490 9.881 6.081 12.852 8.954 23.754
(1981)	4.3 4.3 27.8 41.6 67.9 54.1 100 100
GERMANY	0.576 1.444 5.472 20.369 16.795 32.598 22.843 54.411
(1981)	2.5 2.7 24.0 37.4 73.5 59.9 100 100
1) One adult	living with one or more minor children (under 18) in his/her own household with

Two adults (e.g. married couple, mother and daugter) living with one or more minor children (under 18) in their household with no other adults present no other adults present

3) UX data are actual number of person or family records, not millions of persons 4) Israel figures for urban population only

The figures show considerable variation of the demographic composition of the populations. These discrepancies have to be kept in mind in evaluating the results of the following section which presents the relative economic positions of one-parent families since it clearly makes a difference whether an unfavorable relative position concerns only a small or a large proportion of all families with children.

### 2.2. Relative Economic Positions

The relative economic position of one group in relation to another group, as measured by the group averages of net incomes, can be considered as a rough overall measure of an important aspect of the living conditions of these groups. Since household size, household economies and differences in structure of need among members ought to be taken into account, net income per adult equivalent unit, called welfare position, is preferable to net income per family or net income per capita for a comparison. Table 2 presents the results for the six countries selected.

Table 2

Ranking of Countries According to Relative Positions of One-Parent Families Compared to Two-Parent Families Using Average Net Incomes

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Countries	Net I Famil	ncome per U	Net I Capit	ncome per a	Welfare Position		
·	Rank	Mean Ratio	Rank	Mean Ratio	Rank	Mean Ratio	
CHEDEN	•	0.53	. 1	0.87	4	0.87	
SWEDEN	1	0.63	1	0.97	1	0.87	
GERMANY	2	0.59	5	0.87	2	0.78	
UK	3	0.58	4	0.83	4	0.76	
ISRAEL	4	(0.57)	2	(0.87)	5	(0.78)	
CANADA .	5	0.49	5	0.73	5	0.56	
USA	6	0.45	6	0.62	8	0.57	

Figures in parentheses are derived from less than 20 households in the sample

As could be expected, the economic position of one-parent families in all six countries is worse than that of two-parent families by all measures of average net income. Although the levels of the mean ratios are different depending on the kind of averages used, the ranking of the countries is practically the same. Concentrating on the relative welfare positions, we find that Sweden is in a top position, meaning that the discrepancy between one-parent and two-parent families is rather small (13%). A middle group consists of Germany, the UK and Israel with a discrepancy of a little more than 20%. In Canada the welfare position of one-parent families is on an average about 34% below that of two-parent families, and in the USA the discrepancy is even 43%. Relating this result to the demographic figures, it appears that on the one hand Sweden, despite a rather high proportion of oneparent families, has managed to keep them fairly close to the two-parent families while on the other in the USA - the country under review with the highest proportion of one-parent families - they fall far behind the two-parent families.

These overall results give rise to a number of questions that will be dealt with in the following sections.

# III. Determinants of the Relative Economic Positions

On an intermediate level of analysis, differences in the relative economic positions of one-parent families compared to two-parent families can be traced back to differences in

- factor income
- private transfers received
- public transfers received
- taxes and social security contributions paid
- household size, if income per capita or per adult equivalent unit is used for comparison.

These intermediate level determinants can in turn be related to differences in more basic causal factors that are specific for each country. Since our data base is limited in many ways we can only proceed a few steps along this line. The focus is mainly on explaining the ranking of the countries as determined by the relative welfare positions of one-parent families.

#### 1. Factor Incomes and Labor Force Participation

Factor incomes consist of three broad categories:

- wages and salaries
- self-employment income
- cash property income.

Of these categories, earnings are by far the dominating income source for the average family. Although we rely on information about factor income for the families in various countries, the analysis of its determinants is concentrated on earnings since no information about causal factors determining differences with respect to property income is available.

Earnings of a family depend upon its potential earnings capacity and the actual utilization of this capacity. The earnings capacity of a family can be measured by hours of work time available multiplied by the wage rate that corresponds with the qualifications and other labor market characteristics of the potential labor supplier. But the time available for the upbringing of children ("upbringing capacity") competes with earnings capacity for the total available time of the adults of a family.

The economic position of two-parent families is based upon the earnings capacity of at least one breadwinner. If household duties and child care obligations are shared by both spouses even both may be able to earn an individual income, the second breadwinner on a part-time basis, at least. On the other hand the adult person in a one-parent family can only take on a full-time job if the circumstances are very favorable, e.g. availability of full-time child care facilities. On an average, the earnings capacity of one-parent families can be expected to be lower. The reduction in family needs due to the ab-

<sup>1)</sup> In discussing the earnings capacity of a family, we have implicitly given priority to the duties of child care and treated the available work time as a residual. This is a simplification since the (continued on page 16)

sence of a spouse usually does not fully compensate for the reduction in earnings capacity since adults are supposed to contribute to the upbringing of their children, either by intra-household transfers from their income or by spending part of their time for the family.

We suppose that differences in earnings capacity between one-parent and two-parent families are the basic factor in all countries under review and we thus expect that the relative economic position of one-parent families compared to two-parent families - based on factor income - will reveal to be less favorable everywhere.

The utilization of earnings capacity by those actually working depends - among other factors - upon the availability of other income (e.g. private and public transfers), the availability of jobs and the wage rate, net of taxes and contributions. Differences between one-parent and two-parent families on the one hand and differences between these differences among the various countries on the other will consequently modify the results.

Differences in earnings capacity and in the utilization of earnings capacity among countries show up in overall and in specific labor force participation rates.

It is well-known that one-parent families are mostly headed by women. Thus, female labor force participation rates are of special significance. Depending on the cultural background, the educational opportunities, and the availability of jobs for women the overall female labor force participation rates differ among countries. A high overall female labor force participation rate will indicate higher earnings both of one-parent families and of two-parent families. The effect on the relative position of one-parent families compared to two-parent families thus is not unequivocal. Presumably, the better job opportunities for women - which are also indicated by a higher overall female labor force participation rate - can be used more easily by women of

<sup>(</sup>continued from page 15) time necessary for child care can not be determined objectively. The utilization of time, however, is part of a family's decision. Hence, the time used for child care and the quality of child care ought to be a dimension for comparison, too.

two-parent families because they possess a larger range of alternatives to rearrange their household and their child care duties. This argument leads to the conclusion that in countries with a higher overall female labor force participation rate the relative economic position of one-parent families - based upon factor income - would be less favorable. This influence, however, can easily be dominated by other effects.

Apart from this fact, if one considers the specific female labor force participation rates of the female heads of one-parent families, it can be expected that the relative position of one-parent families - based upon factor income - will be better the higher this specific female labor force participation rate is. This effect can be modified if there are differences in the average working time of the female heads of one-parent families, e.g. if in one of these countries a high labor force participation rate of this group exists, but where most of its members only work part-time while in another country with a similar participation rate, full-time jobs are to be considered as normal.

Given a majority of female-headed one-parent families, additional differences among countries can be expected in the relative economic positions of one-parent families - based upon factor income - if the wage rate differentials between the breadwinners of both family types differ. Wage rate differentials can be found if

- wage discrimination exists against women regarding the same jobs
- jobs available for women are concentrated in low wage industries or sectors
- on an average, women show lower levels of qualification due to lower education or lower vocational training levels or to shorter periods of work experience
- there are fewer career opportunities for women in general or for those holding part-time jobs
- female heads of one-parent families seeking work on an average are younger than male breadwinners of two-parent families and thus have shorter periods of work experience
- there are higher unemployment rates for women in general or for those seeking part-time jobs.

The influence of differences in wage differentials on the relative economic positions of one-parent families is additionally modified if the proportions of one-parent families, headed by women, differ considerably among countries.

At present, it is not possible to disentangle the various determinants of inter-country differences. Merely a few elements can be highlighted.

Table 3

Ratio of Average Factor Income of Family Types to Overall Average Factor Income per Unit (except Sweden) (1)

Country	One-Parent Families	Two-Parent Families	Other Units	All Units	Ons-P- Two-P- Ratio	
GERMANY	64	148	86	100	43	1
CANADA	46	127	92	100	36	2
USA .	43	134	93	100	32	3
UK	36	133	89	100	27	ч.
ISRAEL	(29)	132	B1	100	22	5

Figures in parentheses are derived from less than 20 households in the sample

Table 3 shows averages of factor income of one-parent as well as of two-parent families in relation to overall average factor income (except Sweden). The ratio between one-parent and two-parent families is highest for Germany and lowest for Israel, with the UK ranging close to Israel, the USA and Canada ranging in between. This result is consistent with the basic hypothesis that the earnings capacity of one-parent families is considerably smaller than that of two-parent families, notwithstanding the various additional factors which have a modifying influence. Additionally, the discrepancy between one-parent and two-parent families is so large that it would not disappear if

Sweden is excluded because calculations were not possible within the first round of calculations

averages per adult equivalent unit were used instead of averages per family.

If we consider overall male and female labor force participation rates and additionally the rates for heads of one-parent families (Table 4), we find that the one-parent rates generally are higher than the overall rates (except the male one-parent rate for the UK), indicating the economic pressure for one-parent families to utilize available earnings capacity. Additionally, the male one-parent rates generally are

Table 4

Labor Force Participation Rates

			Male				Female			
Country	Over- all Rate		One- Parer Rate		Relative Diffe- rence	Over- all Rate	(1)	One- Parer Rate		Relative Diffe- rence
	*	Rank	*	Rank	*	*	Rank	*	Rank	*
		-						·		
GERMANY (1981)	80.6	4	84.0	3	+4.2	49.5	4	74.8	1	+50.8
CANADA (1981)	86.4	2	94.1	1	+8.9	58.9	1	68.5	3	+16.3
USA (1979)	85.7	. 3	93.9	a	+9.6	58.9	1	72.6	2	+23.3
UK (1979)	90.7	1	71.4	4	-21.3	58.2	3	66.5	4	+14.3
SWEDEN (1979)	87.9	<b></b> -	95.3		+8.4	72.9	- <del>-</del> -	92.4		+26.7
ISRAEL (1979)		(	(100.0)		•	₩.		(63.5	)	*

Figures in parentheses are derived from less than 20 households in the sample

Overall labor force participation rate is defined as total labor force divided by population of working age (15-64) at mid-year; Source : OECD, Employment Outlook, Paris 1983, p. 18

<sup>2)</sup> One-parent labor force participation rate is defined as one-parent families with earnings divided by all one-parent families of the same sex

No Figures available

higher than the female ones. However, apart from the USA, the relative differences among overall and one-parent female rates are larger than those for male rates.

In the case of Germany, both the low female overall rate as well as the high female one-parent rate are consistent with their pertaining highest rank in earnings relations and vice versa for the UK. The middle position of the USA and Canada is also consistent.

Some additional information can be gained by looking at Table 5 which shows the proportions of male and female headed one-parent families and among those with earnings, subgroups with full-time and part-time jobs. Assuming that female wage rates - on an average - are lower than male wage rates, the high proportion of male headed one-parent families in Germany, most of them with a full-time job, explains part of the top ranking of this country.

Among the female headed one-parent families, the proportion of lone parents with earnings is also highest in Germany and lowest in Israel and the UK with the USA and Canada in between (compare Table 4), but with more than half of female heads working full-time in Germany and in Canada and less than half in the other countries. These higher proportions of full-time working female heads may also contribute to the higher ranks of Germany and Canada.

Although we could not calculate results for Sweden along the lines of Table 3 the results of Tables 4 and 5 give reason to expect this country also to be in the top group with respect to the ratio of earnings of one-parent to two-parent families. This section consequently can be concluded with the finding that one-parent families in Sweden and in Germany are strongly work-oriented while in the UK and in Israel work orientation is considerably weaker, Canada and the USA taking a middle position.

## 2. Private Transfers

Private transfers in favor of one-parent families can be a substitute for earned income. Apart from private transfers which are based upon

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Table 5

Earnings and Working Time of One-Parent Families by Sex of Head of Household

Sex Country Male Female All Earnings Working Time GERMANY £5.25 All 70.66 100.00 . No Earnings 4.69 (17.71) 22.40 52.95 With Earnings 24.65 77.60 Full Time 16.49 28.99 45.48 Part Time 8.33 23.90 32.22 CANADA All 13.28 86.72 100.00 No Earnings (0.78) 27.34 28.12 12.50 59.38 With Earnings 71.88 9.38 Full Time 36.53 44.30 Part Time (3.13)27.12 30.97 USA 87.63 All 12.37 100.00 No Earnings 23.97 0.75 24.72 **63.66** With Earnings 11.62 75.28 Full Time 7.77 36.53 44.30 Part Time 3.85 27.12 30.97 UК All 12.28 87.72 100.00 (3.51) No Earnings 29.39 32.90 With Earnings 8.77 58.33 **67.10** Full Time (7.46) 25.00 32.46 Part Time (1.32)34.65 33.33 ISRAEL (91.66) (33.33) (58.33) All (E.33) 100.00 No Earnings (EE.EE) With Earnings (8.33) (66.67) (8.33) Full Time (8.33) (16.66) Part Time (50.00) (50.00) SWEDEN All 10.94 B9.06 100.00 No Earnings (0.52)6.77 7.29 With Earnings 10.42 82.29 92.71 Full Time 8.33 35.94 44.27 Part Time (2.09)46.35 48.44

Figures in parentheses are derived from less than 20 households in the sample

Lines and rows may not exactly add up due to rounding errors

legal obligations of maintenance, there may also exist voluntary transfers. However, we are unable to distinguish both types statistically.

Since maintenance liabilities differ in most countries with respect to the marital status of the parent who is head of household, we have to distinguish at least seven types of (standard) one-parent families:

- (a1) head of household never married and second parent still alive and known
- (a2) head of household never married and second parent deceased or without sufficient income or  $\operatorname{unknown}^{1}$
- (b) head of household widowed
- (c1) head of household divorced and former spouse still alive and known
- (c2) head of household divorced and former spouse deceased or without sufficient income or  $\operatorname{unknown}^{1}$
- (d1) head of household permanently separated and spouse still alive and known
- (d2) head of household permanently separated and spouse without sufficient income or unknown $^{1)}$

If a parent has married several times, additional types could be distinguished. However, these cases are neglected just like those of non-standard one-parent families (e.g. adults with a foster child). Without presenting a detailed analysis of the legal regulations for all of these countries<sup>2)</sup>, the existence of a claim to maintenance payments for these types of one-parent families can be represented in a stylized form as follows:

<sup>1) &</sup>quot;Unknown" means that name and/or address of second parent are not known for legal procedures to enforce maintenance liabilities.

<sup>2)</sup> Compare: Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht (ed.), Unterhaltsrecht in Europa, Tübingen 1983, pp. 602-664

Table 6

Claims to Maintenance Payments for Various Types of

*	the state of the s		•		
Type of OPF Type of Claim	a1 a2 b	c1 c2	đ1	d2	
Claim to mainte-					
nance payments		<b>X</b>	x	r	
for the parent					
Claim to mainte-					
nance payments	x	X	x	·	• •
for the children					

It becomes obvious that only types c1 and d1 might receive private maintenance payments sufficient for a living standard comparable to a two-parent family, provided that the maintenance liabilities are actually fulfilled by the absent parent. This means that we can expect the following ranking of one-parent families if the ranking is only based on income from private transfers:

- (1) types c1 and d1
- (2) type al

One-Parent Families (OPF)

(3) types a2, b, c2, d2.

Differences among countries with respect to the same type of one-parent families might depend upon:

- different legal regulations for both kinds of maintenance payments with respect to the preconditions, the amount as well as the duration of the payments
- the income of persons who are liable to pay maintenance
- the actual fulfillment of maintenance liabilities which eventually depend on the sanctions imposed by law for not fulfilling these obligations.

Since legal obligations for private transfers in favor of two-parent

families only exist in exceptional cases $^{1)}$ , we can expect that private transfers are far more significant for one-parent families than for two-parent families. This expectation is supported by the results of Table 7.

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Table 7 Ratio of Average Private Transfers Received by Family Types to Overall Average Private Transfers per Unit (except Sweden and Canada (1))

Country	One-Parent Families	Two-Parent Families	Other Units	All Units
	Average Ratio	Average Ratio	Average Ratio	Average Ratio
GERMANY	1437	80	61	100
JSA	594	104	56	100
JK [	1382	50	59	100
SRAEL	(282)	105	92	100

Figures in parentheses are derived from less than 20 households in the sample

Although there are also a few private transfers in favor of a small proportion of two-parent families and other units, the average amount going to one-parent families is a high multiple of the overall average. If the composition of the group of one-parent families -according to the types mentioned above - were similar in each country, the results of Table 7 would indicate that the fulfillment of maintenance obligations on the one hand and the amounts paid on the other are much more favorable for one-parent families in Germany and in the UK than they are in the USA and in Israel. However, it also could be possible that the differences between the two groups of countries result from a far higher proportion of one-parent families without any maintenance claims in the USA and in Israel. Unfortunately, the LIS data base contains too few cases of one-parent families and does not allow a clear

<sup>1)</sup> For Sweden and Canada no information available

<sup>1)</sup> e.g. if a divorcee with children remarries, maintenance claims of the children against their natural parent usually do not cease. In this case the new two-parent family might receive private transfers.

distinction among lone parents who are either never married, separated, divorced or widowed, pertaining to all countries. Consequently, a more detailed analysis is precluded. Tentative results for Germany show a ranking of one-parent family types with parents "separated" ranking top, followed by "divorced", "never married" and "widowed", as was to be expected.

The significance of private transfers for one-parent families in relation to other income types is also revealed by Table 8 (below).

#### 3. Public Transfers

Monetary public transfers in favor of one-parent as well as two-parent families are a significant element of their economic position in each country. Differences among the relative economic positions of one-parent families are partly due to differences in the public transfer systems of the various countries.

Among public transfers in favor of families, three types can be distinguished according to their main purpose:

- (1) Public transfers to substitute private maintenance obligations. Here several sub-types can be found:
  - transfers in favor of children whose second parent is alive, but who does not fulfill his/her maintenance obligation
  - survivor's benefits to orphans
  - transfers in favor of the lone parent (except survivor's benefits) whose claim to maintenance is not fulfilled or who has no maintenance claim and who is not able to or not supposed to earn a full income through work
  - survivor's benefits to widows/widowers

On the one hand these benefits may be means-tested or universal (non-means-tested) and tax-financed. On the other they could be social security benefits based on former contributions.

It is obvious that in countries where these benefits exist the re-

lative economic position of one-parent families is improved, the magnitude of this improvement depends on the level of benefits.

(2) Public transfers to reduce child costs for all families.

These transfers can either be universal for all children without any means-test or they are subject to means-tests. They may be restricted to children of higher order of birth or they could be increasing with the number of children in the family. There can be additional programs to support children in higher education. Usually these transfers are tax-financed.

Although these benefits equally improve the economic position of one-parent as well as of two-parent families, one-parent families who - on an average - have lower factor incomes gain relatively more and consequently improve their relative position. It can be expected that in countries with generous transfers of this type the relative economic position of one-parent families is more favorable.

(3) Public transfers to secure a minimum income for all members of society or - at least - for certain groups, among those one-parent families. These transfers usually are an element of social assistance regulations which are strictly means-tested and usually financed by taxes.

Since the income of one-parent families from other sources often is very low, the relative economic position of one-parent families tends to be more favorable in countries with generous social assistance levels.

The following charts present a general outline of significant public transfer programs in favor of one-parent and of two-parent families.

The main characteristics of the public transfers concerning the various countries can be summarized as follows:

(1) Benefits to substitute the income of persons leaving work to care for children or to substitute private maintenance liabilities

CHART 1 : IMPORTANT INCOME TRANSFERS AND OTHER SELECTED BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES IN SWEDEN (1979)

3. BENEFITS 4. FUNDING

SPE	CIFIC ALLOWANCES		SURVIVOR BE	NEFITS	SOCIAL	EDUCATIONAL
FAMILY	CHILD	MATERNITY	WIDOW/ER	ORPHANS	ASSISTANCE	BENEFITS
Parental Insurance	Child Allowance	(see Paren- tal Insur- ance)	Basic Pension  1. Swedish		Social Assistance	Study Assistance
parents 2.a) Child- birth; contri- bution condi- tions of wor- king parent b) Upbringing of children c) Illness of children 3.a) Pregnant mother leaves job 60 days- prior to birth; altogether 6 month vaca- tion for both parents until child is 270 days old; pay- ment of 70 % of usual income of parents ba) Right to leave job with-	2 No income assessment - child is under 16 or still at school (extended child allowance) 3. Flat rate payment for every child 4. Non-contributory  Advance Payment of Maintenance Allowances 1. Single parents 2 Child 18 or younger		widows 2 Marriage of at least 5 years - widow at least 36 years old - custody of child under 16 3 95 % of the base amount (full pension) if widow is un- der 50 and has custody of child - reductions depending on age if childless and under 50 4. Contribu- tory General	Swedish deceased up to 18th birthday 2. See widows pensions 3. At least 25 I of base amount for every child if one or both parents are deceased; further specific rules according to higher quaranteed amount 4. Contributory  General Supplementary Pension (ATP) Child Pension 1. Children of	1. Entire population 2 Insufficient income - availability for work except illness, old-age etc. 3. Means- tested payment in relation to a base amount depending on type of family; covering difference between assessed needs	1. Students at the secondary level 2. Heanstest of student's income and capital student younger than 45 3. Payment consisting or a study gran and a repayable assistance; grant pai
reasons for 180 days or optionally 360 days at reduced working hours (by one half); leave for 720 days at reduction by a quarter of regular working hours for both pa-	payments by liable person 3. Regularly up to 40 % of a base amount; has to be paid back by the liable person; sometimes grant; pensions for children of deceased parent 4. Non-contributory	by a quarter without econ- omic compensa- tion until child reaches	Supplementary Pension (ATP)  1. Midows 2 Deceased had received an ATP pension - deceased would have been entitled to an ATP pension - marriage at least 5 years; contracted not later than 60th birthday of husband 3. Certain percentage of ATP pension of the deceased depending on type (i.e. old-age, disability pension) 4. Contributory	19th birthday 2. See ATP for widows 3. If one parent is still alive: 15 % of deceased ATP pension for first child and 10 % for		

Source: Kamerman, Sheila B./Kahn, Alfred J. (eds.), Essays on Income Transfers and Related Programs in Eight Countries, Columbia University, School of Social Work, New York 1983, pp. 1-83

CHART 2 : IMPORTANT INCOME TRANSFERS AND OTHER SELECTED BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES IN GERMANY (1982)

3. TYPES OF BENEFITS 4. FUNDING

. SP	ECIFIC ALLOWANCES		SURVIVOR BE	NEFITS	SOCIAL	EDUCATIONAL
FAMILY	CHILD	MATERNITY	WIDOW/ER	ORPHANS	ASSISTANCE	BENEFITS
	Child Allowance (Kindergeld) 1. Persons with dependent	Maternity Allowance (Mutter- schaftsgeld) 1. Pregnant	Statutory Pension Fund (Gesetzliche Rentenver- sicherung)	Statutory Pension Fund (Gesetzliche Rentenver- sicherung)	Social Assistance (Socialhilfe)	Educational Allowance (Bundesaus- bildungsfår- derung)
·	children; uni- versal 2 Quali- fying child - child's age up to 16/27	rance plus	contributors and pensioners 2 Decease of contributor/	deceased con- tributors and pensioners 2 Quali- fying child	1. Entire Po- pulation 2 Insuffi- cient income and capital;	1. Pupils and students of low-income families aged over 16 years
	(if at school) - living in Germany - not means- tested	working non- contributing women 2. ~ Quali- fying contri-		student)	- availabili- ty for work unless dis-	<ol> <li>Quali- fying education first education of appli- cant</li> </ol>
•	3 Flat-rate payment for each child in-creased by	bution period or similar period no earnings	45 and older or with dependant children: "big" widow pension	quirements (see widows) 3. Decease of one parent:	king after a child or old- age - no possibi-	- start of education be- fore age of 30 - means-tested
	order of birth 4. Non-con- tributory; tax-financed	or special be- nefits of un- employment in- surance 3. Cash pay-	validity pen- sion of de- ceased;	sion = 10 % of	port from ré- latives 3. General	
	Advance Pay- ment of Main- tenance Allow- ance  1. Children of	ment from 6th week prior to birth until 8th week after birth; ear-	and younger: "small" widow pension = 60%	a flat rate basic benefit; decease of both parents	cash payments to meet normal requirements (food, shel- ter, etc) de-	3. Cash pay- ments accor- ding to level of education
	single, divor- ced, widowed or separated single-parent families 2 Age of child younger than b	benefits with lower and up- per limits for non-contribu- ting women 4.Contributory	4. Contribu- tory	sion of de- ceased plus a flat rate ba- sic benefit 4. Contribu- tory	individual needs; stan-	benefit on loan base 4. Non-con-
	<ul> <li>child living</li> <li>with parent</li> <li>existence of</li> <li>alimony title</li> </ul>	ded with Ma-	non- and con-		special cir- cumstances (i. e. illness, pregnancy,	·
	child not li- ving with 3.Cash payment	ternity Allo- wance 1. See above	tributing women 4. Contributo- tory and non-		blindness 4. non-con- tributory	
	up to 36 months; 4. Non-con- tributory	2. See above 3. Right to leave job bet- ween 9th and	contributory			
		26th week af- ter birth; cash payment related to for-				· ·

Source: Luber, Franz: Deutsche Sozialgesetze, Kempfenhausen 1982

CHART 3 : IMPORTANT INCOME TRANSFERS AND OTHER SELECTED BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES IN CANADA (1979)

3. BENEFITS 4. FUNDING

1. COVERAGE OF PERSONS
2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTITLEMENT

SPI	ECIFIC ALLOWANCES	5.4	SURVIVOR B	NEFITS	. nagt.		
FAMILY	CHILD	MATERNITY	WIDOW/ER	ORPHANS	SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS	
Family Allowance Program	(see Family Allowance Program)	•	Canada and Quebec Pension Plan	Canada and Quebec Pension Plan	Assistance		
1. Canadian families 2 Dependent children under 18 - at least one parent/guardian must be Canadian 3. Different benefits in different districts; usually flat rate for each child regardless of age or order of birth; combination with refundable tax credit for low income families 4. Non-contributory; taxable			1. Widows of deceased contributors 2 10 years of contributory time or at least one third of possible contributory time with contributions - widow aged over 35 years or disabled or with dependent children 3 Lump sum death benefit - widow with dependent children or aged over 65 or disabled: 60% of retirement pension of spouse	children of deceased contributors  2 Minimum qualifying contributory period (see widows) of deceased - child younger than 18 or 25 (if full-time student) and never married  3. Monthly benefit  4. Contribu-	Plan  1. Entire population  2 Means— tested—different rules of qualification depending on provincial authorities;  3. Various benefits de— pending on provincial authorities;  3 types: - general as— social ser— vices—work adjust— ment programs  4. Non—con— tributory		
			- widow aged between 45 - 65 : flat-rate amount plus 35 % of spouse's retirement pension - widow aged between 35 and 45 : further reduction of pension 4. Contributory		Several Provincal Assistance Plans		

Source: Kamerman, Sheila B./Kahn, Alfred J. (eds.), Essays on Income Transfers and Related Programs in Eight Countries, Columbia University, School of Social Work, New York 1983, pp. 385-501

CHART 4 : IMPORTANT INCOME TRANSFERS AND OTHER SELECTED BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES IN THE USA (1979)

3. BENEFITS 4. FUNDING

	SPECIFIC ALLO	WANCES	SURVIVOR	BENEFITS		CDUCATIONAL
FAMILY	CHILD	MATERNITY	WIDOW/ER	ORPHANS	SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
id to Fami- ies with De- endent Chil- ren (AFDC)			Old Age, Sur- vivor and Disability Benefits (OASDI)	12. v .	General Assistance	
. One-parent amilies and paplete fami-			1. Dependents of covered wor-		1. Population segment not covered by other programs	
ies with an nemployed ather .'Low income	·		kers 2. Cantribu- tions to the scheme		or limited to certain cate- gories of per- sons (varies	
nd assets; eans-tested; ifferent re-			<ol> <li>Pensions related to former earning</li> </ol>		from state to state) 2.Means-tested	
uirements or entitle— · ent varying rom state			levels 4. Payroll taxes; con- tributory		<ol> <li>Cash payments; benefits in kind (i.e. youchers);</li> </ol>	
o state Different enefits:					depending on state and lo- cal jurisdic-	
ostly cash mintenance: at basic llowance					tion 4. State and local funds; non-contribu-	
lus shelter llowance up o certain					tory Food Stamps	
ximum Hon-con- ibutory					1. Low income households (aroup of peo-	households the very lowest inco
	·				ple living together) 2 Means-	brackets 4. Non-con- tributory
					tested - work regis- tration requi- rement for all	
					household sem- bers with spe- cified exemp-	
					tions (e.g. taking care of a child below age of 12)	
	·				3. Monthly allcraent of coupons to	
				·	purchase food at a price below its	
	•				market value; provision of food stamps at	

Source: Kamerman, Sheila B./Kahn, Alfred J. (eds.), Essays on Income Transfers and Related Programs in Eight Countries, Columbia University, School of Social Work, New York 1983, pp. 502-559

CHART 5 : IMPORTANT INCOME TRANSFERS AND OTHER SELECTED BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM (1983/84)

3. BENEFITS 4. FUNDING

SPI	CIFIC ALLOWANCE	S	SURVIVOR B	ENEFITS	SOCIAL	EDUCATIONAL
FAMILY	CHILD	MATERNITY	NIDON/ER	ORPHANS	ASSISTANCE	BENEFITS
Family Income Supplement	Child Benefit	Maternity Allowance	Widow's Allowance	Industrial Death Benefit Child Allo-	Supplementary Benefits (SB)	Educational Maintenance
1. Complete	1. Families	i. Women con-	1. Widows 2 Widow of	мапсе	1.Entire Popu-	Allowance
and incomplete families with	with children 2 Existence	National Insu-		1. Children of		Means-tested
a full-time		rance	cept he and		full time work (less than 30	allowances for school-children
worker 2 Family in-	fying child under 16/19	2 Special contribution	she over pen- sionable aqe		hrs/week)	under 16;
come falling	(if at school)	conditions	and he ré-		2 No full-	not nation-wid
below a speci- ied limit	- living with or supporting	<pre>- last weeks of pregnancy</pre>			Time work - means-tested	Student Grant
full-time	a child	or birth of a	sion when he	deceased in UK	- age over 16	
	3. Weekly lump-sum pay-	baby 3.Weekly flat-	died - sufficient	- death as result of an	- capital less than 3000 L	1. Students 2 Insuffi-
rs (couple)/	ment for each	rate payment;	contribution	industrial	- availability	
	child regard-	may be added	record of hus→ band	accident or prescribed	for work un- less looking	income - period of
le parent) er week	less of fami- ly's income	to by increa- ses for depen-	3. Weekly flat		after a child	residency in UK
. Amount pay-	4. Non-con-	dents: paid	rate benefit	decease	or other de-	- designated
ble half the ifference	tributory	for 18 weeks 4. Contribu-	for the first	to child bene-		course 3. Cash award
etween fami-		tory	midowhood; in-	fit or support	3. Cash bene-	for all college
,	One-Parent Benefit	Maternity	creases for de- pendent	or living with the child of	fit covering	fees and living expenses; in-
riate limit;		Grant	children	the deceased	between weekly	creases for
	1. One-parent families	1. Every woman	4. Contribu-	3.Weekly flat- rate allowance	net income and	dependents; minimum and
	2 Receiving	with a speci-		for each child		maximum amounts
ent families	child benefit	fied period of	Widowed No- ther's Allow-	as long as child benefit		4. Non-con-
. Non-con- ributory;	- claimant living alone	residency in UK	ance	is received	a) SB allo-	tributory
ax-fincanced	- no claim of		1. Hidows with		wance for per-	Free School
	special other benefits	a child 3.Single lump-	children if widow's allow-	tributary	sons aged un- der 60: lower	Meals
	(e.g. child's	SUR	ance runs out		short-term	1. Low income
	special allow— ance)	4. Non-con- tributory	2 Quali- fying child	•	payments b) SB pension	families and recipients of
	3. Single	•	- midom must	·	for claimants	Supplementary
		2 Ex-husband contributing			aged over 60; higher long-	Benefits 3. Free school
	regardless of	to child's	- sufficient		tera payments;	meals.
· .	no. of chil- dren	support - receipt of	contribution	4 ***	special deduc- tions from	4. Non-con- tributory
	4. Non-con-	child benefit	ceased husband		earnings for	il ibaibi j
	tributory	- child lives with	<ol><li>Heekly flat rate benefit;</li></ol>		one parent families; be-	
		clai∎ant	increases for		fore 1983	
	Child's Spe- cial Allowance	<pre>- special con- tribution con-</pre>			payment of	
	CTOI MITORGIICE	ditions of	deductions in case of additio-	-	housing costs 4. Non-con-	
	1. Divorced	claimant's ex-	nal pensions		tributory -	
•	woman of de- ceased Natio-	husband 3. Weekly flat	4. Contribu- tory	-		
,	nal Insurance	rate payment	(Midow's Pen-	-	ŧ	
	contributors	4. Contribu-	sion not des-			

Source: Matthewman, J./Lampert, N.: Tolley's Social Security and State Benefit 1983/84, Surrey 1984

CHART 6 : IMPORTANT INCOME TRANSFERS AND OTHER SELECTED BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES IN ISRAEL (1979)

3. BENEFITS. 4. FUNDING

SPE	CIFIC ALLOWANCES	<u> </u>	SURVIVOR BE	NEFITS			
FANILY	CHILD	MATERNITY	WIDOW/ER	ORPHANS	SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS	
Alimony (Guarantee of Payments) Law	Child Allowance 1. Every child	Maternity Grant 1. Entire fe-	Old Age And Survivors In- surance	see widow/er	Social Assistance Program	Preschool Kindergartens	
1. Lone pa-	below age of	male popula-			04. 222	Program parti-	
rents (or	18 years	tion	pulation over	•	1. Population	cipating is	
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Source: Kamerman, Sheila B./Kahn, Alfred J. (eds.), Essays on Income Transfers and Related Programs in Eight Countries, Columbia University, School of Social Work, New York 1983, pp. 203-268; Shamai, Nira: Child Support and One-Parent Families in Israel, National Insurance Institute Israel, Discussion Paper, April 1985

which are not fulfilled or to cover income loss due to maternity have not developed until the last decades. Maternity allowances exist in the UK, in Sweden, Germany and in Israel. In Israel and in the UK each mother receives a small grant while in Sweden and in Germany only working mothers on maternity leave receive benefits. Sweden has the most generous plan (Parental Insurance), enabling both parents to participate in various forms of paid and unpaid partial job leave. The special situation of one-parent families is recognized in different ways in four of the countries. The UK grants an extra child allowance to these families. Sweden, Israel and Germany have established a new benefit: Advance Maintenance Allowance (under certain stipulations repayable by the liable absent parent).

Transfers to compensate for income loss due to the death of the breadwinner can be considered as "old" benefits which have a long tradition. Survivor's benefits exist in all countries although benefits for younger widows/widowers and orphans sometimes are missing or are very meager.

- (2) Universal benefits to partly meet the costs for small children plus educational benefits for older children (and young adults as well) exist in five of the six countries:

  The UK, Germany, Israel and Sweden grant each family with minor
  - The UK, Germany, Israel and Sweden grant each family with minor children a universal child allowance which is not means-tested. Sometimes the amount per child increases with the number of children. Canada's Family Allowance Plan includes child benefits which vary from district to district. Educational benefits and programs for free school meals or reduced rates for day care centers which are means-tested can be found in the UK, Germany, Sweden and Israel. Means-tested student grants for adult students are available in the UK, in Germany, and in Sweden.
- (3) Each country has a social assistance scheme, securing a minimum income either for the whole population or at least for certain groups, although the minimum may be far below an acknowledged poverty line. The UK, Germany, Canada and Israel apply common rules nationwide, whereas in the USA and in Sweden, different rules are

applied by state, district or local authorities. As far as the USA is concerned, only the Food Stamp program is a universal meanstested program which applies the same rules nationwide. Special arrangements for providing a minimum for subgroups can be found in the USA, the UK and in Canada. Aid to Families with Dependent Children in the USA is a means-tested program, focussed on one-parent families and families with an unemployed father as well, the requirements and levels, however, vary from state to state. In the UK the Family Income Supplement is a means-tested program, directed only to families with an adult working full-time. Canada's Family Allowance Program also provides means-tested benefits for low income families which take the form of a refundable tax credit.

These functionally defined categories of public transfers could not completely be reproduced with the available LIS data. Hence, we merely distinguish Social Insurance Transfers, Means-tested Transfers and Child and Family Allowances. Table 8 presents the results as percentages of average gross income for three family types.

Column 1 represents similar information as Table 3, but from a different angle. The ratio of market income and other cash income between one-parent and two-parent families is rather high in Germany, Canada, the USA (and presumably Sweden) while it is much lower for the UK and for Israel.

Focussing on the percentages of all monetary public transfers (col. 5), two groups are revealed: Israel, the UK and Sweden heavily rely upon public transfers for their one-parent families while in Canada, Germany and in the USA these percentages are only roughly one half of those of the other groups. The top rank of Sweden with respect to the relative welfare position of one-parent families consequently is mainly explained by high public transfers in combination with high labor force participation. The medium rank of the UK and of Israel is mostly due to high public transfers (and very high private transfers in the UK). Germany's second rank depends much more upon labor force participation than upon generous public transfers. Ranks 5 and 6 of Canada and the USA are the result of medium ranks with market incomes,

Table 8

Market Income , Monetary Public and Private Transfers and Taxes as Percentage of Average Gross Income by Family Types - z =

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but rather low public transfers.

With the exception of Germany, the percentages of public transfers are highest for one-parent families, showing a considerable public concern toward these groups. Germany's public concern seems to be more toward pensioners who are the largest group among "other units".

Looking at the structure of monetary public transfers in favor of one-parent families (col. 2, 3, 4), we find a strong reliance on means-tested benefits in Canada and in the USA, a balance between means-tested and non-means-tested benefits in the UK as well as Sweden and a clear dominance of social security benefits in Israel and in Germany. The strong reliance on means-tested benefits (presumably in connection with low income limits) and the absence of universal child allowances in the USA might contribute to the unfavorable relative welfare position of one-parent families in Canada and in the USA.

#### 4. Income Taxes, Payroll Taxes and Social Security Contributions

Income taxes, payroll taxes and social security contributions can be considered as negative monetary transfers which influence net income and thus the welfare positions of family types. Preferential treatment of one-parent families compared to two-parent families results in implicit transfers which contribute favorably to the welfare position of one-parent families. Implicit transfers can partly be a substitute for explicit public transfers. Therefore, both types have to be taken into account since some countries rely more than others on implicit transfers, especially with respect to children. The definition of tax regulations without any implicit transfers and without any preferential treatment as a point of reference, however, is an extremely difficult normative problem that can not be tackled in this study. This means that we can not separately measure differences in implicit transfers between countries, even though they are a part of net incomes.

As can be seen from col. 7 of Table 8, the percentages of taxes and contributions of one-parent families are somewhat lower in all countries. This fact could possibly result from lower average factor incomes, preferential treatment of one-parent families, non-taxability

of some components of gross income (as for instance public or private transfers) or from exemption of certain income types from social security contributions. Differing institutional regulations in the various countries additionally contribute to the inter-country differences in percentages.

#### IV. <u>Distributional Aspects</u>

Up to now, the economic status of one-parent families has only been discussed by using relative positions, based upon group averages. The LIS data base enables the supplementation of this analysis by some distributional information for five countries. Israel has to be excluded because the group of one-parent families contained in the sample is too small to be disaggregated much further. The analysis will again be restricted to comparing one-parent and two-parent families in each country by their welfare positions, using net income per adult equivalent unit as a welfare measure.

Based upon a priori reasoning very little can be said about the distribution of one-parent and two-parent families, because the main determinants (labor force participation, private transfers, transfers and taxes) influence families on each income level in a different way. These dependencies do not lend themselves easily to generalizations. The only imminent hypothesis is based upon differences in earnings capacity and needs of various family types, and upon the general conclusion, which follows from our discussion of the public transfer systems, namely that public transfers do not fully compensate for any reductions of earnings capacity and for increases in need with an increasing family size. Thus we expect the percentages of one-parent and two-parent families which are below the average welfare position to increase with family size. Additionally we should expect that this increase is greater for one-parent families than it is for two-parent families because of the greater reduction in earnings capacity.

The analysis will focus on the question as to whether the ranking of countries with respect to the inequality of welfare positions among their one-parent and their two-parent families differs from their

ranking by the relative economic positions of one-parent families. The countries, therefore, are ranked implicitly in all the following Tables according to the relative position of one-parent families, as in Table 2. Ranks according to inequality measures are given separately.

Table 9 presents Gini-coefficients as an overall measure of inequality.

Table 9

Gini-Coefficients (1) of the Welfare Positions of Persons in One-Parent Families and Two-Parent Families for Five Countries (except Israel)(2)

Country	One-P Famil		Two-P Famil	arent ies
	Gini	Rank	Gini	Rank
SWEDEN	0.1749	1	0.1911	1
GERMANY (3)	0.3450	3	0.2685	2 4
UK	0.2896	s	0.2294	2
CANADA	0.3658	ų	0.2585	3
USA	0.3825	Ś	0.2728	5

Gini-coefficients were calculated on a person basis;
 each person was assigned the welfare position of its family
 derived from the family's net income per adult equivalent unit

Regarding the inequality among their one-parent families, the ranking of the five countries is almost equal as to the relative welfare positions, the only exception being the exchange between the UK and Germany. The discrepancy between the least unequal (Sweden) and the most unequal (USA) is very large, considering the generally low sensitivity of Gini-coefficients. With respect to two-parent families, the whole middle group changes its ranks, the discrepancy between the top and the bottom position, however, reveals to be much smaller. Except for Sweden, the inequality among one-parent families is considerably greater than among two-parent families. Judging from this data base, Swe-

<sup>2)</sup> Countries implicitely ranked according to the relative welfare positions of one-parent families as in Table 2

<sup>3)</sup> The results for Germany are based on a sample that contains one-parent families and two-parent families which did not reveal their net income; the Gini-coefficients, therefore, are slightly biased upwards.

den succeeds in securing a high relative position for its one-parent families and also in reducing inequality between both family types to a large extent. Germany can secure a rather high relative position of one-parent families, but combined with much greater inequality among its one-parent and two-parent families. The UK reduces inequality between both family types considerably, but to a larger extent for two-parent families, whereas it merely secures a middle rank for the relative position of its one-parent families. Canada and the USA reveal rather low relative positions as well as considerable inequality, especially as to their one-parent families.

As is well known, Gini-coefficients only are an imperfect measure of inequality and thus need to be supplemented by additional information. Table 10 presents results about the distribution of our welfare

Table 10

Distribution of Welfare Positions of One-Parent Families and Two-Parent Families by Quintiles of Persons for Five Countries (except Israel) (1)

- % -

Country			Quintile	s of Pe	rsons	
Type of Fa	mily	1.	г.	Э.	ч.	5.
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<u>SWEDEN</u> Iwo-Parent One-Parent	: -: -: -:	10.93 11.76	16.58 16.50	19.53 20.19	23.00	29.96 28.66
GERMANY Two-Parent One-Parent		10.43 6.28	14.14 12.57	17.11 17.82	20.97 23.65	37.34 39.68
UK Two-Parent One-Parent		10.43 9.72	14.98 12.83	18.68 16.39	22.58 22.58	33.23 38.49
<u>CANADA</u> Two-Parent One-Parent		8.58 5.88	14.77 11.19	18.52 16.07	23.41 24.99	34.62 41.86
<u>USA</u> Two-Parent One-Parent		7.76 4.86	14.31 11.47	18.89 16.02	24.11 24.49	34.93 43.15

Countries implicitely ranked according to the relative welfare position of one-parent families as in Table 2

measure by quintiles of persons, living either in one-parent or in two-parent families.

Looking at the share of "welfare" among the persons from one-parent families in the bottom as well as in the top quintiles, the ranking by Gini-coefficients is confirmed. Considering the small differences among the shares of the fifth quintile for all countries, except Sweden, it is supposed that the differences in rank are mainly due to differences in welfare positions of the lowest quintile.

For members of two-parent families, the ranking by the share of the bottom or the top quintiles is somewhat different from the ranking by Gini-coefficients. While Sweden and the UK get the same rank by all measures, the ranks for the other countries differ. Germany's rank is better for the first quintile (3) compared to its Gini-rank (4) and worse for the fifth quintile (5), thus indicating less inequality among the lowest welfare position group and more inequality among the highest. Canada changes its rank only as to the lowest and the USA to the highest group. Finally, it should be noted that differences among the shares of the first quintile are much smaller in the case of members of two-parent families than for those of one-parent families, thus indicating a greater diversity among countries as regards one-parent families.

If classes of our welfare measure (defined as percentages of an overall average of this welfare measure) are used, differences of the distributions are revealed from a different angle.

As can be gathered from Table 11, in each country far more than 50% of members of both family types are below the average welfare position and the proportions of members of one-parent families are always greater (77.7%-89.8%) than those of two-parent families (59.7%-78.0%), thus indicating their worse relative position. Ranking countries by these proportions reproduces the Gini-ranks for one-parent families but not for two-parent families. While Sweden maintains its top rank, Germany changes to fifth and the UK to fourth rank.

If we consider one half of the overall average welfare position as a

Table 11

Distribution of Persons in One-Parent Families and Two-Parent Families by Welfare Position Classes for Five Countries (except Israel) (1)

_	/	σĒ	respec	tive	subgroup	-
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Country	Welfare P of Ov	osition Cla erall Welfa	ass as Per are Posit:	rcentage ion
Type of Family - Persons	- 50 %	50 %	100 % -	150 % -
living in		100 %	150 %	·
SWEDEN				
in Two-Parent Fam. in One-Parent Fam.	5.43 10.71	54.37 67.02	35.38 20.34	4.82 (1.93)
GERMANY				
in Two-Parent Fam. in One-Parent Fam.	12.50 36.35	65.53 48.34	17.89 11.43	80.¥ 88.E
<u>uk</u>				
in Two-Parent Fam. in One-Parent Fam.	22.10 40.63	50.17 43.44	22.41 11.41	5.32 4.52
CANADA				
in Two-Parent Fam. in One-Parent Fam.	15.53 53.25	52.63 32.20	24.36 12.12	7.48 2.43
USA				
in Two-Parent Fam. in One-Parent Fam.	18.00 60.93	46.63 28.90	26.98 8.21	8.39 1.96

Figures in parentheses are derived from less than 20 house-holds in the sample

"low welfare line", we can compare the size of the corresponding "low welfare groups". We again find that the group of members of one-parent families is much greater (10.7% - 60.9%) than the group of members of two-parent families (5.4% - 22.1%) as to all countries and that the discrepancies between countries regarding one-parent families are much larger. Ranking countries by their proportions of members of one-parent families below the "low welfare line" results in the same ranking as in the case of relative welfare positions of one-parent families, i.e. a slight divergence from the Gini-ranks is revealed.

<sup>1)</sup> Countries implicitely ranked according to relative welfare positions of one-parent families as in Table 2

Looking at the distribution of persons, the overall picture thus is confirmed whereas slight differences between the UK and Germany are revealed in the lower part of the distribution.

At the beginning of this section, we presented the hypothesis that due to reductions in earnings capacity, the relative positions of families decrease with an increasing number of children, and even more so for one-parent families. Table 12 reveals a few tendencies which support this hypothesis:

- the proportions of members of one-parent families below the "low welfare line" (50%) are always higher than those for members of two-parent families
- the proportions of members of both family types below the "low welfare line" (50%) are increasing with an increase in the number of children (except Canada for two-parent families with one and two children, respectively)
- the increase in the proportions of members of one-parent families below the "low welfare line" (50%) generally is greater.

From Table 12, we can finally conclude that the relative position of most of the one-parent families with three and more children is extremely miserable. The public transfer system in any of the countries is obviously not suited to keep all of these families at least at the "low welfare line", defined as 50% of the overall average welfare position. This is the more an unsolved social problem in so far as most of the members of these families obviously are children.

Table 12

Distribution of Persons in One-Parent And Two-Parent Families by Number of Children and Welfare Position Classes For Five Countries (except Israel)(1)

- % of respective subgroup -

Country	sa Parcentece	Welfare Posit	tion Class verage Welfare P	nsition
- Type of Family	- 50 %		100 % - 150 %	
SWEDEN				
Two-P. Fam./1 child	(3.6)	32.5	53.8	10.1
One-P. Fam./1 child	(7.4)	61.3	29.9	(1.4)
Two-P. Fam./2 childr.	5.3	59.2	32.8	(2.7)
One-P. Fam./2 childr.	(10.9)	76.8	(12.5)	( - )
Two-P. Fam./3 and more One-P. Fam./3 and more	(8.6) (28.0)	76.6 (64.0)	(13.2)	(1.2) (8.0)
GERMANY Two-P. Fam./1 child One-P. Fam./1 child	5.31	59.87	28.35	6.45
	30.70	42.09	21.05	5.85
Two-P. Fam./2 childr.	13.56	71.28	11.74	3.48
One-P. Fam./2 childr.	38.76	57.30	(3.93)	( - )
Two-P. Fam./3 and more	23.23	63.39	12.37	(1.14)
One-P. Fam./3 and more	47.37	45.62	( - )	(7.02)
<u>UK</u> Two-P. Fam./1 child One-P. Fam./1 child	3.77 31.25	50.32 45.83	34.60 (15.63)	11.32
Two-P. Fam./2 childr.	7.11	61.15	26.6 <del>4</del>	5.09
One-P. Fam./2 childr.	37.36	41.76	(10.99)	(5.49)
Two-P. Fam./3 and more One-P. Fam./3 and more	22.10 56.09	61.48 (36.59)	14.22 (7.31)	(2.19)
CANADA Two-P. Fam./1 child One-P. Fam./1 child	14.56	34.82	55.05	22.02
	42.34	34.18	19.39	(4.68)
Two-P. Fam./2 childr.	11.59	55.90	25.96	6.5 <del>4</del>
One-P. Fam./2 childr.	50.39	37.98	(9.30)	(2.32)
Two-P. Fam./3 and more One-P. Fam./3 and more	25.93	59.68	11.54	(2.66)
	75.86	(20.69)	(1.72)	( - )
USA Two-P. Fam./1 child One-P. Fam./1 child	10.95 40.96	35.83 39.21	36.66 15.50	16.56 4.32
Two-P. Fam./2 childr.	13.64	48.70	30.09	7.56
One-P. Fam./2 childr.	57.69	32.84	7.81	1.66
Two-P. Fam./3 and more One-P. Fam./3 and more	28.91	53.01	15.33	2.70
	82.32	15.56	(1.94)	( - )

Figures in parentheses are derived from less than 20 households in the sample
1) Countries implicitely ranked according to relative welfare position of oneparent families as in Table 2

#### APPENDIX

Table A-1

Indexes of Income Distribution for Different Definitions of Average Net Income and Types of Family

Country	Net Inc Per Fam		Net Inc Per Cap		Welfare tion = : come Pe Equival	Net In-
- Type of Family	Mean Ratio	Gini Coef- ficient	Mean Ratio	Gini Coef- Ficient	Mean Ratio	Gini Coef- ficient
USA All Two-Parent Fam. One-Parent Fam. Other Units	\100.00 122.49 \$5.01 95.98	0.3473	79.30 49.14	0.2827 0.4038	E0.03	0.2728
UK All Two-Parent Fam. One-Parent Fam. Other Units	100.00 122.25 70.88 91.6		81.23 67.18	0.2385 0.3026	88.83 67.40	0.2894
SWEDEN All Two-Parent Fam. One-Parent Fam. Other Units	100.00 158.65 99.39 84.1	0.1693	78.70 76.63	0.2025 0.1920	94.87	0.1911 0.1749
GERMANY All Two-Parent Fam. One-Parent Fam. Other Units	119.41	0.3216	76.41 66.44	0.2769 0.3579		0.3450
<u>CANADA</u> All Two-Parent Fam. One-Parent Fam. Other Units	100.00 118.13 58.22 95.2	0.2398 0.3489	5 57.45	0.2681 0.3807	87.20 57.38	0.2585 0.3658
ISRAEL All Two-Parent Fam. One-Parent Fam. Other Units	100.00 116.85 (66.58 89.8	0.3376 0.2515 ) (0.2068 7 0.38	90.42 3) (78.88	0.3058 (0.3008	00.00 96.42 ) (75.52 7 104.2	0.2923

Table A-2

Rank Order of Countries by Relative Position of One-parent Families and by Overall Femal Labor Force Participation Rates (except Israel)

Countries	Relative Position	Relative Position	Relative Welfare	Overall Labor Fo	Female orce Parti-
(Year of Reference)	Nat Income Per Family	Net Income Per Capita	Position	cipation	Rate (1)
	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rate in %
	·	<u> </u>			
SWEDEN (1979)	1	1	1.	1	72.9
GERMANY (1981)	2	z	5	• 4	49.6
UK (1979)	3	3	3	. 3	58.2
CANADA (1981)	4	· <b>4</b>	4	2	58.9
USA (1979)	5 ·,	5	5	· .	58.9

Overall labor force participation rate is defined as total labor force divided by population of working age (15-64) at mid-year; Source : OECD, Employment Outlook, Paris 1983, p. 18

Table A-3

Relative Average Proportion of Gross Factor Income and Private Transfers Among Different Family Types (except Sweden)

Country -	Gross Factor	Private Transfers	Gross Factor Income
Family Type	Income		Private Transfers
	Relation t	o overall average	of each Income Type
GERMANY			
Two-Parent Families One Parent Families Other Units	1.48 0.64 0.86	0.80 14.37 0.61	1.47 0.68 0.86
ISRAEL			
Two-Parent Families One Parent Families Other Units	1.32 (0.29) (0.81)	1.05 (2.82) 0.92	1.32 (0.32) 0.81
<u>ux</u>			
Two-Parent Families One Parent Families Other Units	1.33 0.36 0.89	0.50 13.82 0.59	1.32 0.53 0.88
<u>USA</u>		•	<i>.</i> · ·
Two-Parent Families One Parent Families Other Units	1.34 0.43 0.53	1.04 5.94 0.56	1.34 0.46 0.93
CANADA			
Two-Parent Families One Parent Families Other Units	1.27 0.46 0.92	<del>-</del> . <del>-</del> -	1.27 0.46 0.92

Figures in parentheses are derived from less than 20 households in the sample

#### Table A-4

### Relative Average Net Income And Welfare Position of One-Parent Families by Marital Status in Germany (1)

Country.	Mear	Ratio (2)
- Marital Status	Family Net Income	Welfare Position
GERMANY (2)		
Single Separated Divorced Widowed	0.88 0.76 0.95 1.27	0.84 0.77 0.95 2.29

<sup>1)</sup> Due to technical problems 17 % of the overall weighted figure for one-parent families could not be recognized

<sup>2)</sup> Relation to overall mean of each income type of one-parent families

#### Table A-5

Distribution of One-Parent Families by Marital Status and Welfare Position Classes

- % -

	Welfare	Position		a Percentage Position	of Overall
Country Maritual Status	- 0.50	0.50	1.00 - 1.50	1.50 -	All (1:
GERMANY			,		
Widowed Not Widowed	(35.51) 33.64	(35.51) 51.99	(6.54) 5 14.8	(22.43) 7 -	100

Figures in parentheses are derived from less than 20 households in the sample

<sup>1)</sup> Totals may not equal sums across rows due to rounding errors

Table A-6 a

Distribution of Two-Parent Families and One-Parent Families by Number of Children and Meifare Position Classes

UK

- 1 -

		Welfare	Position .	Class			A11
No. of Children	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	4 54	
0.25 Type of Family	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.50 -	
<u> </u>							
Two-Parent Families (0.34)	9.09	28.40	29.43	18.23	8.11	6.34	100.00
One-Parent Families (2.19)	35.96	28.07	16.23	0.88	(3.51)	(5.26)	100.00
<u>1 Child</u>				•			
Two-Parent Families (0.31)	3.46	18.87	31.45	22.02	12.58	11.32	100.00
One-Parent Families (1.04)	30.21	26.04	19.79	(12.50)	(3.13)	(7.30)	100.00
2 Children			÷				. :
Two-Parent Families (0.42)	6.69	28.98	32.17	19.11	7.53	5.09	100.00
One-Parent Families (0.11)	3.50	2.97	(1.48)	(0.53)	(0.53)	(0.53)	100.00
3+_Children							
Two-Parent Families (0.22)	21.88	40.48	21.00	11.16	(3.04)	(2.19)	100.00
One-Parent Families (7.31)	48.78	(26.83)	(9.76)	(7.31)	( - )	( - )	100.00

Table A-6 b

Distribution of Two-Parent Families and One-Parent Families by Number of Children and Melfare Position Classes

CANADA

- 1 -

		Welfare	Position	Class	-		A11	
No. of Children	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25			
0.25 Type of Family	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.50 -		
111								
No-Parent Families 2.73  Ine-Parent Families 13.84	11.61 36.29	25.90 19.32	24.90 14.36	17.39 8.62	9.00 (4.44)	8.47 (2.87)	100.00	
l Child	<del>-</del>							
No-Parent Families 3.73 One-Parent Families 11.22	10.83 31.12	2.49 17.86	32.33 16.32	33.03 12.76	22.02 (6.63)	22.02 (4.68)	100.00	
<u>Children</u>					٠.			
Wo-Parent Families (2.11) One-Parent Fam. (14.73)	9.48 35.66	27.26 22.48	28.64 15.50	18.32 (6.20)	7.64 (3.10)	6.54 (2.32)	100.00	
5+ Children			<b></b>					
No-Parent Families 3.91 One Parent Fam. (22.41)	22.02 53.45	37.12 (17.24)	22.56 (3.45)	8.70 (1.72)	(2.84) ( - )	(2.66) ( - )	100.00	

Table A-6 c

### Distribution of Two-Parent Families and One-Parent Families by Number of Children and Welfare Position Classes

**ISRAEL** 

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			Welfari	Position	Class			All
No. of Children	A 75	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1 50	,
Type of Family	- 0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.50 -	
<u> </u>						-		
Two-Parent Families		13.00	21.66		15.89	12.72	16.76	100.00
One-Parent Families	. ( - )	(23.08)	(30.77)	(23.08)	( - )	(15.38)	(7.69)	100.00
Child								
wo-Parent Families	( - )	(6.38)	(11.70)	(15.96)	(17.02)	(19.15)	(30.85)	100.00
ne-Parent Families	( - )	(16.67)	(33.33)	(16.67)	( - )	(33.33)	(16.67)	100.00
Children .								
wo-Parent Families	( - )	(9.40)	18.80	17.95	19.66	(15.38)	18.80	100.00
One-Parent Families	( - )	( - )	(66.67)	(33.33)	( - )	<b>( - )</b>	( - )	100.00
S+ Children					·			
No-Parent Families		20.74	30.37	22.22	(11.85)	(6.67)	(2.66)	100.00
One Parent Fam.	(50.00)	(50.00)	( - )	( - )	( - )	( - )	( - )	100.00

Table A-6 d

Distribution of Two-Parent Families and One-Parent Families by Number of Children and Welfare Position Classes

USA

- I -

		Welfare	Position	Class			All
No. of Children	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25		
ype of Family	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.50 -	
<u> </u>							
Two-Parent Families 3.96	12.43	21.73	23.36	18.22	10.66	9.64	100.00
One-Parent Families 21.12	34.30	19.46	12.55	6.68	3.36	2.53	100.00
l Child					. •		
No-Parent Families 2.59	8.36	16.18	19.65	21.27	15.39	16.56	100.00
One-Parent Families 15.28	25.48	21.66	17.55	9.39	6.11	4.32	100.00
2 Children							
Two-Parent Families 3.18	10.46	20.84	27.86	20.02	10.07	7.56	100.00
One-Parent Families 20.41	37.28	21.54	11.30	6.09	1.72	1.66	100.00
3+ Children						•	
Two-Parent Families 7.25	21.66	31.44	21.57	10.74	4.59	2.70	100.00
One-Parent Families 34.54	47.78	11.67	3.89	1.85	(0.09)	(0.09)	100.00

Table A-6 e

Distribution of Two-Parent Families and One-Parent Families by Number of Children and Welfare Position Classes

**GERMANY** 

- I -

			Welfar	e Position	Class	÷ ;	* 1 -	All
No. of Children	4.05	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25		•
Type of Family	- 0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.50 -	•
<u>A11</u>								· · · · · · · · ·
Two-Parent Families			39.53	25.48	13.61	5.70	4.46	100.00
One-Parent Families	10.07	25.00	24.30	22.74	5.73	7.99	4.16	100.00
l_Child								
wo-Parent Families	1.82	3.49	33.83	26.04	20.73	7.62	6.45	100.00
One-Parent Families	(4.09)	26.61	18.12	23.97	7.60	13.45	5.85	100.00
<u>Children</u> .				-				
wo-Parent Families	1.04	12.51	42.17	29.11	8.31	3.43	3.48	100.00
One-Parent Families	12.92	25.64	32.58	24.72	(3.93)		(_)	100.00
S+ Children				. *	•			
wo-Parent Families	(0.63)	22.60	49.75	13.64	6.44	5.93	(1.14)	100.00
ne-Parent Families	36.84	(10.53)	35.09	(10.53)	( - )	( - )	(7,02)	100.00

Figures in parentheses are derived from less than 20 households in the sample

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