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We are investigating the importance of family structure on income and poverty using an econometric model, and this is one of the few questions in the ACS that allows us to construct some historical data on the person being surveyed. Family instability may play a significant role in the capacity of individuals to spend time improving skills and employability. Removal of this variable will prevent our attempts to understand and monitor the influence family stability on income in relationship to other variables concerning places, households and individual characteristics.

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