

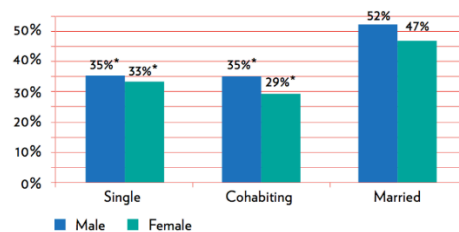
# marri Findings

FAITH & FAMILY



## Economic Advantages of Early Marriage

FIGURE 13C. Percentage of 20-28 year-olds Reporting That They Are Highly Satisfied with Their Lives, by Marital Status and Sex



SOURCE: Knot Yet Report. National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, Waves 3-4, 2007-2008.

The famous "[Knot Yet](#)" report illustrates that those who marry early experience higher levels of personal *and* household income.

## Quality of Life of Married Young Adults

The same [report](#) also demonstrates that single and cohabitating young adults experience lower quality of life than married young adults. The unmarried exhibit higher levels of alcohol consumption, depression, and dissatisfaction with life.

## Marital Quality of Early Marriage

Scholars from the [University of Texas at Austin](#) reported (2010) that those who marry by age 25 experience higher levels of marital quality and marital success.

For the good of the child --- the future of America,  
Pat Fagan, Ph.D.  
Director of the MARRI Project  
Catholic University of America

## Long-Term Relationship Quality of Married Couples

A new publication by [Amato and James](#) indicates that relationship quality does not diminish over time. Marriages that remain intact experience long-term increases in shared activities, declines in discord, and a return to initial levels of marital happiness.



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