

Fatherhood and Marriage*

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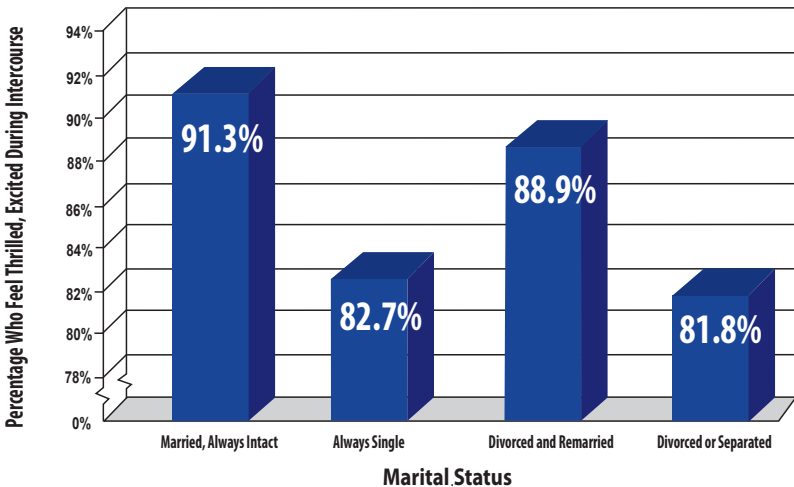
- Married men earn up to 26 percent more than their unmarried counterparts, and this holds after social scientists have tested every other explanation (education, family background, even DNA from identical twin studies).
- Fathers in always-intact marriages are more involved in their children’s homework.
- Married men and women report the most enjoyable and the most frequent sexual relations.
- Married men have lower levels of stress.

Given the enormous benefits that come from marriage, what can you do to spread the word? What colleagues can you discuss this with?

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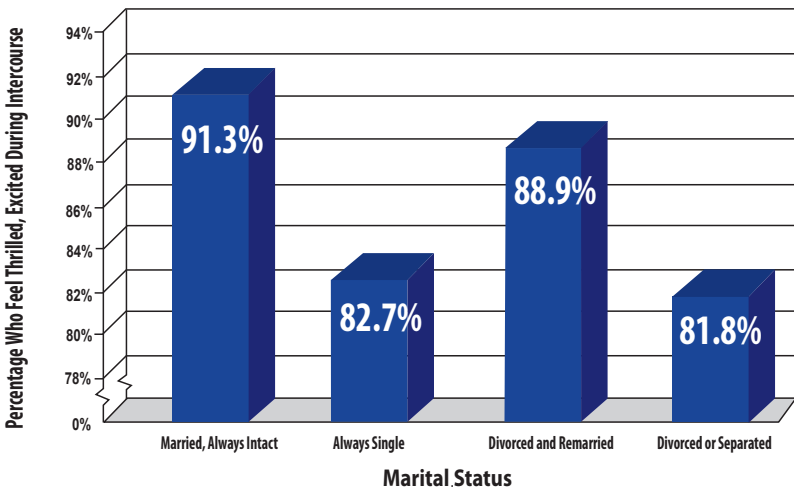
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