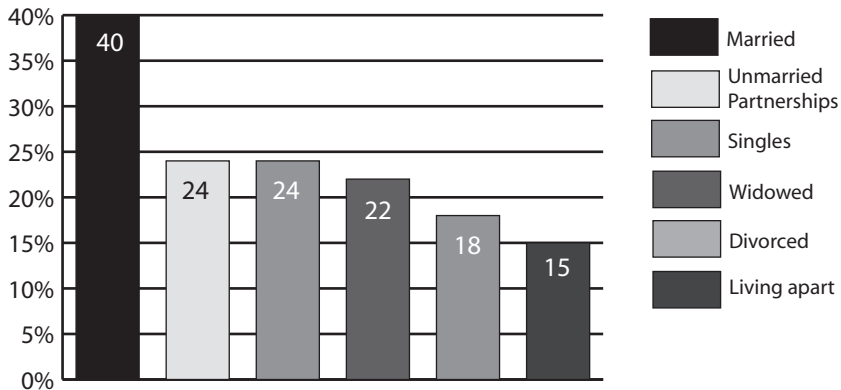


Spouses Live Happier (USA 1982/1996)

Spread of people considering themselves very happy



Data Source: Representative survey of 14000 adult americans between 1972 and 1982 and General Social Survey of the US-Government 1990-1996.

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