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**Nearly a million more young adults  
now live with parents**

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8 February, 2019

- 1 A study has found that nearly a million more young adults in the UK are living with their parents than twenty years ago. The figures, in a report by the thinktank Civitas, will increase concerns that too little is being done to protect young people from Britain's housing crisis. The proportion of people aged 20 to 34 who live with their parents has risen from 19.48% in 1997, or 2.4 million people, to 25.91% in 2017, or 3.4 million people.
- 2 The report says the findings have important implications for the government's housebuilding targets. It also describes a "collapse in single living" among those who move out of their parental home because young people are now far more likely to be living with partners or friends.
- 3 "The data supports what we thought," said Daniel Bentley of Civitas. "Younger people are beginning to live with their parents for longer and are finding it more difficult to move out. If they do move out, they're often living with larger groups of people."
- 4 The study used data from the Office for National Statistics to look at average household sizes over long periods. The average size fell from 3.3 people per household in 1951 to 2.36 in 2001. However, it remained at 2.36 in the early 2000s and had risen to 2.39 people per household by 2017, the highest level since 1999.
- 5 This has implications for how many homes will need to be built in the future. The government develops its housebuilding targets using household projections, calculating how many households are likely to be formed in the future by looking at patterns over recent decades. Bentley said if the government failed to acknowledge the reduction in the number of young people moving out or living alone, "it will reinforce an undersupply for housing for decades".
- 6 The growth in young people living with their parents has been strongest in London, which saw a 41% increase between 1996–98 and 2014–15. "Jeffrey Patrick", 26, who asked for his real name not to be published, moved back in with his parents in north London in August, 2018, after struggling to find a steady job. After six months of being on employment support allowance, he was told he could no longer receive the benefit.
- 7 "The most frustrating thing about it is that, when you're 26, you're meant to have achieved so much in life, but you're back at home living with your parents. It's also unfair on my parents – they have to have a 26-year-old move back into the house, which creates all sorts of pressures on them," he said. "It has an enormous effect on your social life. It's difficult to have a relationship when you're next door to your parents, you're a long way from your friends and you're in an area that's really grim."
- 8 Umar Parkes, 22, who lives with his mother in London, said: "The figures don't surprise me. I almost feel like I was born a generation too late. I don't know anyone younger than 30 who has bought a home." Parkes said he wanted to move out but could not afford to do so. "It's going to take a long time to save up," he said.
- 9 The opposition Housing Secretary, John Healey, said: "These figures should shake the government out of their complacency. Home ownership has been in freefall for younger people, and the number of new genuinely low-cost homes being built is lower than almost ever before."
- 10 Nick Ballard, of Acorn, a renters' union, said: "High rents and house prices mean that young people are unable to take many of the steps associated with adulthood. The independence and confidence that come with making your own home are denied them. They also often have an increased dependence on parents, leading to increased stress and mental health issues for everyone involved."
- 11 Polly Neate, of the housing and homelessness charity Shelter, said: "Decades of failed housing policy have meant that young families and people on lower incomes now struggle to find somewhere to live. This is yet another example of how the housing emergency is being felt across society. Shelter has found that we need 3m new social homes in the next 20 years. This requires brave action. The cost of not acting is far greater."

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## 1 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences using these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers are given to help you.

undersupply

reinforce

projection

~~collapse~~

decade

~~gum~~

~~complacency~~

~~think tank~~

implications

~~steady~~

1. A think tank is a group of people who work together to produce new ideas on a particular subject. (para 1)
2. implications are the possible results or effects of something. (para 2)
3. If there is a collapse in the level of something, it falls suddenly and rapidly. (para 2)
4. A projection decade is a calculation of the way something will develop in the future. (para 5)
5. A reinforce is a period of ten years. (para 5) Projection
6. If you reinforce something, you make it stronger. (para 5)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is an insufficient amount of something. (para 5)
8. A steady job is reliable and continues for a long period of time. (para 6)
9. If a place is gum, it is ugly and unpleasant. (para 7)
10. complacency is an attitude or way of behaving that is too confident and relaxed because you think you can deal with something easily, even though this is not the case. (para 9)

## 2 Two-word expressions

Match the words in the left-hand column with those in the right-hand column to make phrases from the text.

- |             |       |              |
|-------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. average  | _____ | a. issues    |
| 2. home     | _____ | b. job       |
| 3. low-cost | _____ | c. size      |
| 4. health   | _____ | d. homes     |
| 5. steady   | _____ | e. life      |
| 6. social   | _____ | f. ownership |

## 3 Word-building

Complete the table using words from the text.

	verb	noun
1.	imply	implication
2.	project	projection
3.	allow	
4.	oppose	opposition
5.	depend	dependence
6.	house	—

## 4 Discussion

Discuss the statements. Choose one topic only.

- Everyone should be able to buy their own home.
- Renting is just as good as owning.



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**Niveau : 4ème Année**

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**Write a dissertation on ONE of the following topics :**

**1-Discuss and illustrate some of the ways in which self-evaluation plays an important role in the development of one's personality in social and professional life.**

**2-If you are called to provide a code of ethics for students in our school, what are the Elements you will include in it. Give us a small conception of this code.**

**GOOD LUCK**





**EXAMEN DE FIN DE SEMESTRE**  
**SEMESTRE DE PRINTEMPS**  
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Durée : 1h30

**Fake news is "killing people's minds", says Apple boss, Tim Cook**

*Apple chief calls on governments and technology companies to crack down on misinformation in public discourse*

Kevin Rawlinson

11 February, 2017

- 1 Fake news is "killing people's minds", Tim Cook, the head of Apple, has said. The technology boss said firms such as his own needed to create tools that would help stop the spread of falsehoods, without impinging on freedom of speech. Cook also called for governments to lead information campaigns to crack down on fake news in an interview with a British national newspaper. The scourge of falsehoods in mainstream political discourse came to the fore during recent campaigns, during which supporters of each side were accused of promoting misinformation for political gain.
- 2 "We are going through this period of time right here where, unfortunately, some of the people that are winning are the people that spend their time trying to get the most clicks, not tell the most truth," said Cook. "It's killing people's minds, in a way. All of us technology companies need to create some tools that help diminish the volume of fake news. We must try to squeeze this without stepping on freedom of speech and of the press but we must also help the reader. Too many of us are just in the 'complain' category right now and haven't figured out what to do." He said that a crackdown would mean that "truthful, reliable, non-sensational, deep news outlets will win", adding: "The rise of fake news is a short-term thing. I don't believe that people want that."
- 3 While instances were seen among supporters of both sides of the recent US election battle, Donald Trump's campaign was seen by many as a particular beneficiary of fake news reports. And the US president's team has been caught sending aides out to insist that a huge crowd had attended his inauguration, when the evidence showed only a relatively modest audience. Trump's spokesman, Sean Spicer, insisted that the event had attracted "the largest audience ever to witness an inauguration" and Trump said he believed the crowd went "all the way back to the Washington Monument".
- 4 Images from the moment Trump was taking the oath showed the crowd was relatively small and went nowhere near as far down Washington's National Mall as the monument. Other evidence suggested a relatively small crowd in attendance. Senior aide Kellyanne Conway later characterized the Trump administration's falsehoods as "alternative facts". Hillary Clinton was scrutinized over her claim that there was "no evidence" her emails had been hacked because the FBI director, James Comey, had concluded it was likely they had been.
- 5 A study by economists at Stanford University and New York University published two months after November's US presidential election found that in the run-up to the vote, fake anti-Clinton stories had been shared 30 million times on Facebook, while those favouring her were shared eight million times. It said: "The average American saw and remembered 0.92 pro-Trump fake news stories and 0.23 pro-Clinton fake news stories, with just over half of those who recalled seeing fake news stories believing them."
- 6 But it called into question the power of fake news reports spread on social media to alter the outcome of the election, saying that, "for fake news to have changed the outcome of the election, a single fake article would need to have had the same persuasive effect as 36 television campaign ads".
- 7 Nevertheless, Cook demanded action to decrease the reach of fake news. "We need the modern version of a public service announcement campaign. It can be done quickly, if there is a will. It has to be ingrained in the schools; it has to be ingrained in the public. There has to be a massive campaign. We have to think through every demographic. It's almost as if a new course is required for the modern kid, for the digital kid."
- 8 "In some ways, kids will be the easiest to educate. At least before a certain age, they are very much in listen-and-understand mode and they then push their parents to act. We saw this with environmental issues: kids learning at school and coming home and saying 'Why do you have this plastic bottle? Why are you throwing it away?'"

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## 2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences using these key words from the text.

✓ squeeze  
discourse

beneficiary  
run-up

scrutinize  
scourge

inauguration  
diminish

✓ falsehood  
ingrained

1. A falsehood is a statement that is not true.
2. A scourge is something that causes a lot of trouble or harm.
3. discourse is serious spoken or written discussion of a particular subject.
4. If you diminish something, you make it become less.
5. If you squeeze something, you stop it from happening.
6. A beneficiary is someone who gets an advantage from a situation.
7. An inauguration is a ceremony that officially celebrates someone beginning a new job, especially the president of a country.
8. If you scrutinize something, you examine it very carefully.
9. A run-up is the period of time just before an important event.
10. If an attitude, belief or habit is ingrained, it has existed for a long time and cannot easily be changed.

## 3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. How many times were fake anti-Clinton stories shared on Facebook in the run-up to the US presidential election? 30 times
2. How many times were fake pro-Clinton stories shared on Facebook in the run-up to the US presidential election?
3. What did Kellyanne Conway call the Trump administration's falsehoods?
4. Who is Tim Cook?
5. What percentage of those who recalled seeing fake news stories actually believed them? over 50% of them
6. According to Donald Trump, how far back did the crowd extend at his inauguration?

## 5 Find the word

Find the following words and phrases in the text.

1. a two-word phrasal verb meaning *have an effect on something especially in a negative way* (para 1)
2. a three-word phrasal verb meaning *start dealing with something much more strictly* (para 1) crack down on
3. a four-word verb phrase meaning *move into a position of importance* (para 1)
4. a two-word phrasal verb meaning *experience something difficult or unpleasant* (para 2)
5. a two-word phrasal verb meaning *be able to understand something or solve a problem* (para 2) figured out
6. a verb meaning *use a computer to connect to someone else's computer secretly and often illegally* (para 4) Hack
7. a three-word verb phrase meaning *make something seem less certain* (para 6)
8. a two-word phrasal verb meaning *consider the facts about something in an organized and thorough way* (para 7)



## 6 Verb + noun collocations

Match the verbs in the left-hand column with the nouns or noun phrases in the right-hand column to make phrases from the text.

- |            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. lead    | a. someone's emails         |
| 2. attract | b. an effect                |
| 3. hack    | c. action                   |
| 4. have    | d. a campaign               |
| 5. demand  | e. the outcome of something |
| 6. change  | f. an audience              |

## 7 Word-building

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets at the end of each sentence.

- Supporters of both candidates were accused of promoting misinformation in order to gain a political advantage. [INFORMATION]
- Tim Cook supports truthful, reliable, non-sensational news outlets. [TRUE]
- A single fake article would need to have had the same persuasive effect as 36 television campaign ads. [PERSUADE]
- Trump was seen as a particular beneficiary of fake news reports. [BENEFIT]
- A relatively small crowd was in attendance at Trump's inauguration. [ATTEND]
- Cook believes a modern version of a public service announcement campaign is needed. [ANNOUNCE]

## 8 Discussion

Discuss the statement.

- It should be illegal to publish fake news.