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“Virtually all research has concluded that the chances of divorce are significantly greater for couples who cohabit before marriage than for those who do not. Indeed, couples who cohabitate before marriage are almost twice as likely to divorce as those who do not.” (William J. Bennett, The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators, New York: Broadway Books, 1999, p. 67)
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- “Cohabiting couples report more disagreements, more frequent fights, and lower levels of happiness than married couples.” (William J. Bennett, *The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators*, New York: Broadway Books, 1999, p. 67)
“When it comes to hitting, shoving, and throwing things, cohabiting couples are more than three times more likely than the married to say things get that far out of hand.” (Waite, L. J. (2000). “Cohabitation: A Communitarian Perspective.” In M. K. Whyte (Ed.), Marriage in America: A Communitarian Perspective (pp. 11-30). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, Publishers, p. 18)
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- “Cohabiting unions break up at a much higher rate than marriages.” And, “Although most cohabitators expect their relationship to be sexually exclusive; in fact, they are much less likely than husbands and wives to be monogamous.” (Waite, p. 15)

- “Most cohabitations . . . last for about a year or a little more and then are transformed into marriages or dissolve.” (Waite, p. 13)