

The graph provide data on the percentage households using three different home appliances between 1920 and 2019, and the number of hours spent per week doing the domestic chores in the same period. The initial impression is that refrigerator and vacuum cleaner ownership increased considerably, while the number of hours spent on house work witnessed a marked decline.

Starting at 0 percent in 1920, the refrigerator ownership climbed exponentially to 100 percent in 6 decades and levelled out for the rest of the period.

As can be seen, in 1920 vacuum cleaner and washing machine stood at 30 and 40 percent respectively. Although they experienced an almost steady climb until 1960, the vacuum cleaner ownership plateaued and remained almost constant at around 75 percent. Conversely, the washing machine continued its rapid rise to reach a peak of 100 percent in 2000 and stabilized.

It is clear that the number of hours spent on housework per week decreased substantially from 50 hours in 1920 until it bottomed out in 1980 and stood at roughly 15 hours for the next 49 years.

Overall, a noticeable growth in the mentioned appliances possession and a marked decrease in domestic working hours was seen from 1920 to 2019.