

The graphs show how the ownership of electrical domestic appliances changed, as well as how much time was spent on doing household chores in one nation from 1920 to 2019.

Overall, the figure for all saw increases, although that for refrigerator was much more dramatic. Also, the amount of time of household tasks dropped.

At first, the share of refrigerator was the lowest and stood at 0%, then it rose dramatically to about 55% in 1940, outstripping that for vacuum cleaner. Next, it doubled and levelled off at 100%. The figure for washing machine had the highest share with 40% in 1920, and then it grew noticeably to over 70% in 2019 despite a slight fall between 1960 and 1980. Moreover, that for vacuum cleaner initially stood at 30%, and it experienced a substantial rise to 100% in 2000, maintaining the same level towards the end of the period.

Finally, the amount of time spent on housework stood at 50 hours per week, after which it declined until 2019 when it dipped at 10 hours, even though the decline was steeper in the first 40 years.