

While the first diagram illustrates how proportion are households with electrical appliances, namely washing machine, refrigerator and vacuum cleaner, changed, the second one shown is that the number of hours of housework, namely washing clothes, preparing meals and cleaning, during a week spent in households in a country between 1920 and 2019

Overall, although washing machine ranked first initially, it was over than by refrigerator and vacuum cleaner towards the end and the one letter ranked first during most of this period and the second letter saw a dramatic increase and peaked as high as the refrigerator. The number of housework hours peaked at the first time and experienced a slight decrease despite an initial rapid decline.

While the figure for washing machine ranked first at the first time in 1920 (40%), that of vacuum cleaner stood second by 10%. Both appliances saw a moderate increase in 1940 by 20% and reached 60% and 50%, respectively. After some fluctuation from 1960 until 1980, washing machine increased slightly at about 72% in 2019. However, the vacuum cleaner rose rapidly until 1980 at 90% and leveled off and picked (100%).

The figure for refrigerator experienced a dramatic increase until 1960 (90%), despite it had the lowest proportion of household at first, and that of rose moderately and level off in 1980 at 100%.

While the number of hours per week stood first in 1920 at 50 hours, during 40 years that of housework declined significantly, and reached 20hr in 1960. The figure for hours of housework dropped slightly in 1980 about 15% and maintained this level in 2019 despite a slight decrease.