

The line charts illustrate the percentage of households which had three kinds of appliances and the number of hours of housework in every household in one country during a period of 99 years.

Overall, the percentages of washing machines, refrigerators, and vacuum cleaners used by households increased over the given period. However, the figure for hours of housework saw a decline during the same period. In addition, from 2000 onwards, the figure for the refrigerator was equal to that of the vacuum cleaner.

In 1920, the percentage of households that owned vacuum cleaners stood at 30%, while that of refrigerators was lower at around 2%. From this year to 2019, the figures for vacuum cleaners and refrigerators grew rapidly by 70% and about 98%, respectively. Between 1920 and 1960, the proportion of washing machines rose from 40% to 70%, after which it fluctuated around 70% over the next 40 years. In the subsequent years, it experienced an increase of approximately 5%.

According to the second chart, the largest number of hours of the housework was spent in 1920, at 50. From 1920 to 1980, there was a significant fall of roughly 35 in the figure for hours of housework, and over the next 20 years, it remained constant at 15 hours. However, in 2019, the figure for hours of housework declined to nearly 10.