

Au pair

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An au pair (plural: au pairs) is a foreign-national domestic assistant working for, and living as part of, a host [family](#). Typically, au pairs are [young women](#) and take on a share of the family's responsibility for [child care](#) as well as some [housework](#), and receive a small monetary [allowance](#) for personal use.

The title comes from the [French](#) term *au pair*, meaning "on a par" or "equal to", indicating that the relationship is intended to be one of equals: the au pair is intended to become a member of the family, albeit a temporary one, rather than a [domestic servant](#). In the best circumstances, both parties benefit from learning about the other's [culture](#).