

# THE FATHER ABSENCE CRISIS IN AMERICA

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There is a crisis in America. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 19.7 million children, more than 1 in 4, live without a father in the home. Consequently, there is a “father factor” in nearly all of the societal ills facing America today. Research shows when a child is raised in a father-absent home, he or she is affected in the following ways...

## POVERTY

**4X GREATER  
RISK OF  
POVERTY**



## CHILD OBESITY

**2X MORE  
LIKELY  
TO SUFFER  
OBESITY**



## CRIME

**MORE  
LIKELY TO  
COMMIT  
CRIME**



## EDUCATION

**2X MORE  
LIKELY  
TO DROP OUT  
OF HIGH SCHOOL**



## TEEN PREGNANCY

**7X MORE  
LIKELY  
TO BECOME  
PREGNANT  
AS A TEEN**



## INCARCERATION

**MORE  
LIKELY  
TO GO  
TO PRISON**



## SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**MORE LIKELY  
TO ABUSE  
DRUGS AND  
ALCOHOL**



## MOM-CHILD HEALTH

**2X GREATER  
RISK OF  
INFANT  
MORTALITY**



## CHILD ABUSE

**MORE  
LIKELY  
TO FACE  
ABUSE  
AND NEGLECT**



## BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS

**MORE  
LIKELY  
TO HAVE  
BEHAVIORAL  
PROBLEMS**



# 19.7 MILLION CHILDREN WITHOUT THEIR FATHER AT HOME

Visit <http://bit.ly/fatherfacts7> for more facts on father absence

Source: 2017. U.S. Census Bureau. Data represent children living without a biological, step, or adoptive father.