

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.