

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.