



FATHERS MATTER – PASS IT ON

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THERE ARE OVER
18 Fatherless
million CHILDREN
IN THE US

The United States has the
HIGHEST
RATE

of children in single-parent
households
of any nation in the world.

FATHERLESS FAMILIES ARE

4x more likely to live
in poverty

than that for married-couple families

Fathers are
absent from



approximately
80%

OF SINGLE-PARENT HOMES

FATHERLESS CHILDREN ARE

more likely to abuse
drugs and show signs
of delinquent behavior



- ★ Children from single-parent families are twice as likely to suffer from mental health problems as those living with married parents.
- ★ Data suggests 84% of homeless families are headed by women and 90% of homeless and runaway children come from fatherless homes.
- ★ 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes.
- ★ 85% of children who exhibit behavior disorders are from fatherless homes.
- ★ 70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from single-parent homes.
- ★ Most adolescents who enter the justice system have suffered from parental abandonment, substance abuse, or a dysfunctional household. In a study of 75 juvenile delinquents, 66% experienced fatherlessness, 20% had never lived with their father, and 25% had an alcoholic father.
- ★ In a study of 56 school shootings, only 10 of the shooters (18%) were raised in a stable home with both biological parents. 82% grew up in either an unstable family environment or grew up without both biological parents together.
- ★ Children living absent their biological father are 2 to 3 times more likely to be expelled or suspended at some time.
- ★ Girls who feel closeness to their father are 75% less likely to have a teen birth. One study showed girls whose father left the home before they were 5 years old were 8 times more likely to become pregnant as adolescents.
- ★ Children who feel closeness to their father are 80% less likely to spend time in jail.
- ★ When children have an actively involved father, they are 33% less likely to drop out of school and 43% more likely to get A's.
- ★ Children in single-parent homes are more likely to have low self-esteem, depression, anxiety, and more suicidal thoughts and attempts.