

# THE FATHER ABSENCE CRISIS IN AMERICA

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...

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



## POVERTY

**4X GREATER RISK OF POVERTY**

## TEEN PREGNANCY

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



## BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS



**MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS**

## CHILD ABUSE

**MORE LIKELY TO FACE ABUSE AND NEGLECT**



## MOM-CHILD HEALTH



**2X GREATER RISK OF INFANT MORTALITY**

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE

**MORE LIKELY TO ABUSE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**



## INCARCERATION



**MORE LIKELY TO GO TO PRISON**

## CHILD OBESITY

**2X MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER OBESITY**



## CRIME



**MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIME**

## EDUCATION

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



# 19.7

**MILLION CHILDREN WITHOUT THEIR FATHER AT HOME**

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