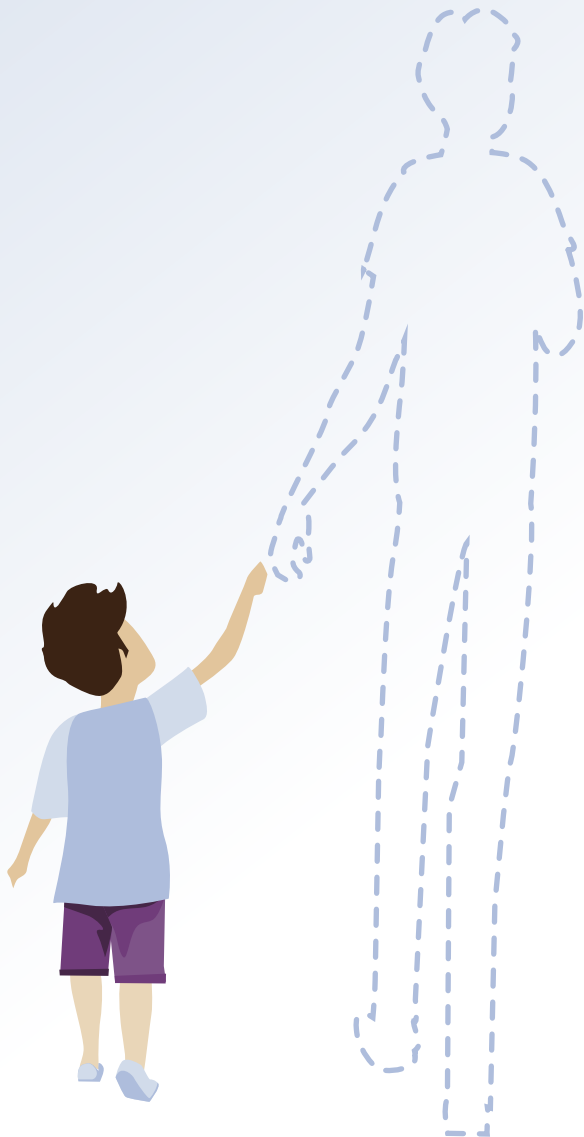


# The **Father Absence** Crisis in **America**

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**Million Children,**  
1 in 4, Without a Biological,  
Step, or Adoptive Father  
at Home<sup>1</sup>

**Research shows<sup>2</sup> when a child is raised in a father-absent home, they are affected in the following ways...**



- ⊖ Greater Risk of Poverty
- ⊖ More Likely to Have Behavioral Problems
- ⊖ Greater Risk of Infant Mortality
- ⊖ More Likely to Go to Prison
- ⊖ More Likely to Commit Crime
- ⊖ More Likely to Become Pregnant as a Teen
- ⊖ More Likely to Face Abuse and Neglect
- ⊖ More Likely to Abuse Drugs and Alcohol
- ⊖ More Likely to Suffer Obesity
- ⊖ More Likely to Drop Out of School

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. (2025). Living arrangements of children under 18 years old: 1960 to present. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau.

<sup>2</sup> National Fatherhood Initiative® 2024. *Father Facts: Ninth Edition*. Germantown, MD: National Fatherhood Initiative®.