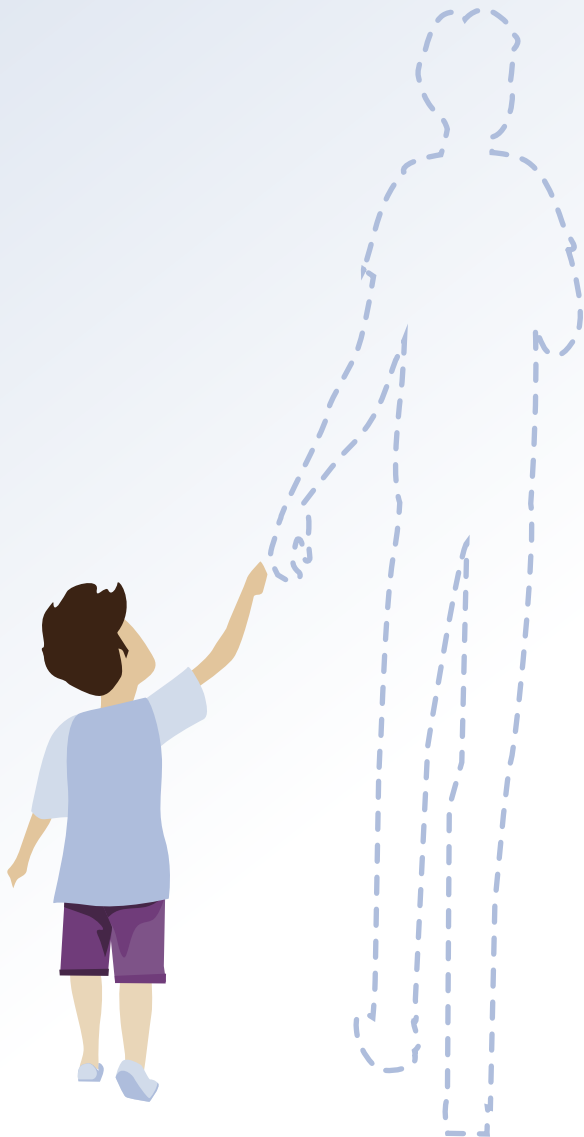


The **Father Absence Crisis** in **America**

17.8

Million Children, Nearly 1 in 4, Without a Biological, Step, or Adoptive Father at Home¹

Research shows² 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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¹U.S. Census Bureau. (2023). Living arrangements of children under 18 years old: 1960 to present. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau.

²National Fatherhood Initiative[®] 2024. *Father Facts: Ninth Edition*. Germantown, MD: National Fatherhood Initiative[®].