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FAITH & FAMILY

Effects of Father Absence



"Overcome by emotion as I watched a picture-perfect scene before me. A young girl of about 4 was dancing with her mom and dad, sandwiched between their embrace. I could feel the love between the two parents like an electric shock through my little body... Almost 20 years later, I am a fatherless woman who remembers that day clearly, and many more like it."

Census Data: Children's Living Arrangements

According to the [US Census](#), 83.9% of children who live with only one parent live with their mother. To see a trend line of children's living arrangements from 1960s to present click [here](#).

Father Absence and Children's Educational and Emotional Outcomes

A [review](#) from the *Annual Review of Sociology* reports consistent negative effects of father absence on child's educational attainment, social-emotional adjustment and adult mental health, despite methodological differences.

Father Absence and Children's Behavioral Problems

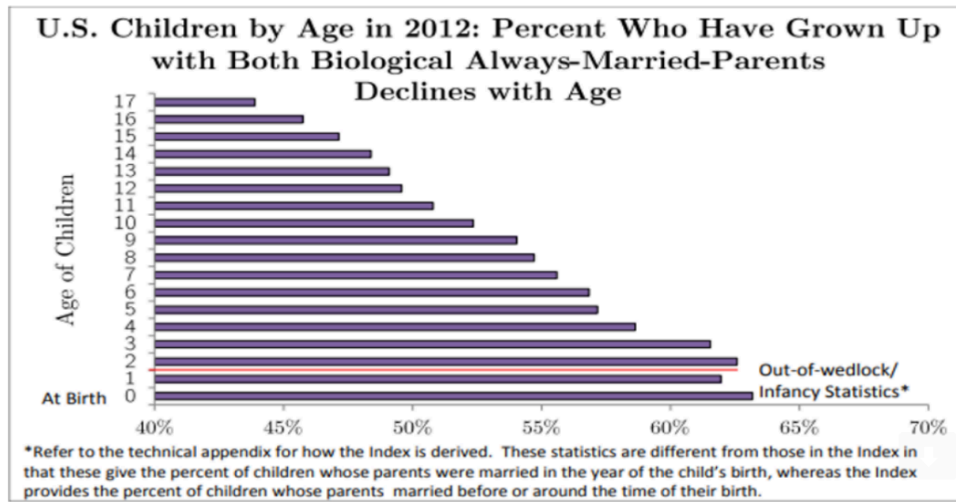
A [study](#) of UK families reveals that father absence at age 3 and 5 increases the risk of developing severe behavioral problems. Additionally, some fathers are more inclined to leave the family when children exhibit severe social and behavioral issues in preschool.



Explore more research about the effects of fatherhood on offspring wellbeing at [Marri.us](#)

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Two Major Reports on Sex Gone Wrong: Among Parents and Among Priests



Most people will not think of the recent [Census data on Parental Raising of Children in Different Family Forms](#) as an illustration of "sex gone wrong"---- but it is. The child is the product of the sexual intercourse of the parents and the impact on the parents will last till the end of the lives of the parents... much better and benign effects when they "get sex right" in intact marriage, and much more onerous for them (and their children) when they don't "get it right".

The chart below shows that the proportion of parents "getting it right" diminishes over time, from 63% at the birth of children, to 46% by the time the child is 17. [Continue reading here...](#)

For the good of the child --- the future of America,
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