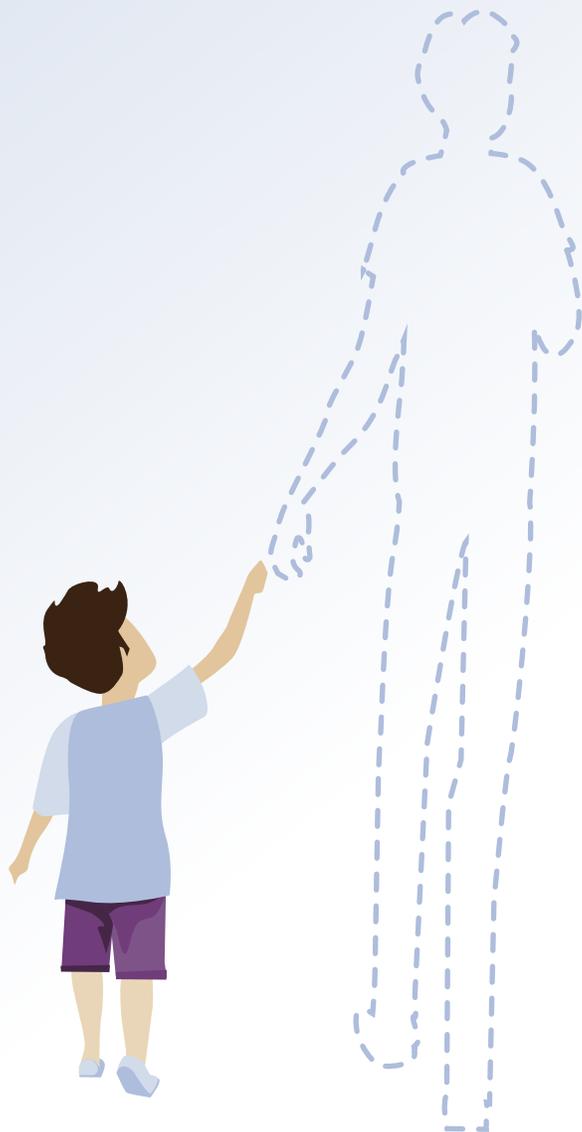


# The **Father Absence Crisis** in **America**

**17.8**

**Million Children**, Nearly 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...



- ⊖ **4x Greater Risk of Poverty**
- ⊖ **More Likely to Have Behavioral Problems**
- ⊖ **2x Greater Risk of Infant Mortality**
- ⊖ **More Likely to Go to Prison**
- ⊖ **More Likely to Commit Crime**
- ⊖ **7x More Likely to Become Pregnant as a Teen**
- ⊖ **More Likely to Face Abuse and Neglect**
- ⊖ **More Likely to Abuse Drugs and Alcohol**
- ⊖ **2x More Likely to Suffer Obesity**
- ⊖ **2x more Likely to Drop Out of School**

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

<sup>2</sup>National Fatherhood Initiative® 2019. *Father Facts: Eighth Edition*. Germantown, MD: National Fatherhood Initiative®.