

TOP TEN FACTS ON FATHERING

1. There are 67.8 million fathers in America

Source: United States Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

2. There are 74.7 million children under the age of 18

Source: United States Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

3. 62.2% of children live with their biological mother and father

Source: United States Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

4. 24.8 million children (33%) live apart from their biological father

Source: United States Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

5. 20.3 million children (27%) live in a home with no father

Source: United States Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

6. 2.7 million children live with their father only

Source: United States Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

7. The presence and involvement of a father is positively associated with child well-being, educational attainment, behavioral development, self esteem and avoidance of high-risk behaviors.

Source: Father Facts, 5th Edition, National Fatherhood Initiative, 2007.

8. Children growing up without a father present are more likely to suffer physical, emotional or educational neglect, engage in juvenile delinquency including violent crime, abuse drugs and alcohol, be a teenage mom and live in poverty.

Source: Father Facts, 5th Edition, National Fatherhood Initiative, 2007.

9. Fathers are the primary determinant on a child's ongoing faith practice.

Source: Fathers: Key to their Children's Faith, S. Michael Craven, June 13, 2006, www.battlefortruth.org/ArticlesDetail.asp?id=174

10. 70% of Americans agree that the physical absence of fathers from the home is the most significant family or social problem facing America.