

# Fatherlessness Fact Sheet

Note: the point of this page is to combat the false notion that fathers are not needed by their children, not to suggest that having motherless children is the solution, a child should have a right to both parents.

Children from fatherless homes account for:

1. 63% of youth suicides 1
2. 70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes 3
3. 71% of pregnant teenagers 2
4. 71% of all high school dropouts 6
5. 75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers 7
6. 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger 5
7. 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders 4
8. 85% of all youths sitting in prisons 8
9. 90% of all homeless and runaway children

You might think a "loving mother" would want to protect her child and keep him from becoming one of the above statistics, but in most cases you would be wrong.

Mothers are exposing children to the above risks:

9. Angry mothers sabotage a father's efforts to visit their children 9
10. Few children are satisfied with the amount of contact with their fathers 10
11. The mother was the greatest obstacle to having more frequent contact with the children 11
12. 37.9% of fathers have no access/visitation rights 12
13. 40% of mothers reported that they had interfered with the non-custodial father's visitation on at least one occasion, to punish the ex-spouse. 13
15. 50% of mothers "see no value in the father's continued contact with his children...." 14
15. 70% of fathers felt that they had too little time with their children 15
16. 77% of non-custodial fathers are NOT able to "visit" their children, as ordered by the court, as a result of visitation interference by the mother. 16
17. 89% of mothers don't value their husband's input when it comes to handling problems with their kids 17
18. Non-compliance with court ordered visitation is 300% more common than non-compliance with court ordered child support and impacts the children of divorce even more. 18

1. US Dept. of Health & Human Services, Bureau of the Census
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