



## 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.**  
Source: National Center for Fathering, National Fathering Survey, 2009.

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