



# Fathers Absence – Divorce & Dads



*“I have been deeply struck by the distress children of every age suffer at losing their fathers.”*

*- Judith Wallerstein and Sandra Blakeslee, From Second Chances: Men, Women and Children a Decade of Divorce, Houghton Mifflin, 1996*

- In 2002, almost **20 million** children in the U.S. lived with only one parent; **50%** of that were living with a divorced parent.
- Men, compared with women, have a poorer adjustment to divorce, lower levels of overall satisfaction, greater morbidity, and lower satisfaction with divorce settlements in regard to custody, visitation, and property settlements.

Father Facts, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, National Fatherhood Initiative, [www.fatherhood.org](http://www.fatherhood.org)

“Child Need Both Parents”, American Coalition for Fathers and Children, [www.acfc.org](http://www.acfc.org)