

Fathers Absence – Poverty



Child poverty rates today would be one-third lower if family structure had not changed so dramatically since 1960. 51% of the increase in child poverty observed during the 1980's is attributable to changes in family structure during that period...

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- Children in a father-absent home are **5 times** more likely to be poor.
- In 2002, about **8%** of children living in married-couple families were living in poverty; for children of female-household families, **38%**
- In 2002, **5%** of married-couples families with children were poor compared to **27%** of mother-only families
- In large cities, 45% of unmarried mothers are poor...

Father Facts, 5th Edition, National Fatherhood Initiative, www.fatherhood.org

“Child Need Both Parents”, American Coalition for Fathers and Children, www.acfc.org