



Fatherless Epidemic



Definition: An epidemic is a negative phenomenon affecting many people of a community or area.

20 Million Infected

20 million children in the U.S. are living in a fatherless home



Know the Symptoms of the Fatherless



Poverty

Fatherless families are

44%

more likely to raise children living in poverty



4X

More likely to be raised in poverty



90%

Of all homeless and runaway children are fatherless



Substance Abuse

Fatherless children are

10X

more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol



10X

More likely to abuse chemical substances



Drug and alcohol abuse

Is greater among fatherless children

71%

Of all adolescent substance abusers come from a fatherless home



80%

of adolescents in psychiatric hospitals come from fatherless homes



Physical & Emotional Health

2X

More likely to commit suicide



Fatherless children experience more accidents and a higher rate of chronic asthma, headaches, and speech defects.

Educational Achievement

Fatherless children are more likely to score lower than the norm in reading and math



9X

More likely to drop out of school



Less likely to attain academic and professional qualifications in adulthood



70%

Of adolescents in juvenile correctional facilities come from fatherless homes



60%

Of rapists were raised in fatherless homes



11X

More likely to have violent behavior



20X

More likely to be incarcerated



Sexual Activity & Teen Pregnancy

9X

More likely to be raped or sexually abused in a home without a biological father



70%

Of teen pregnancies happen in fatherless homes

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