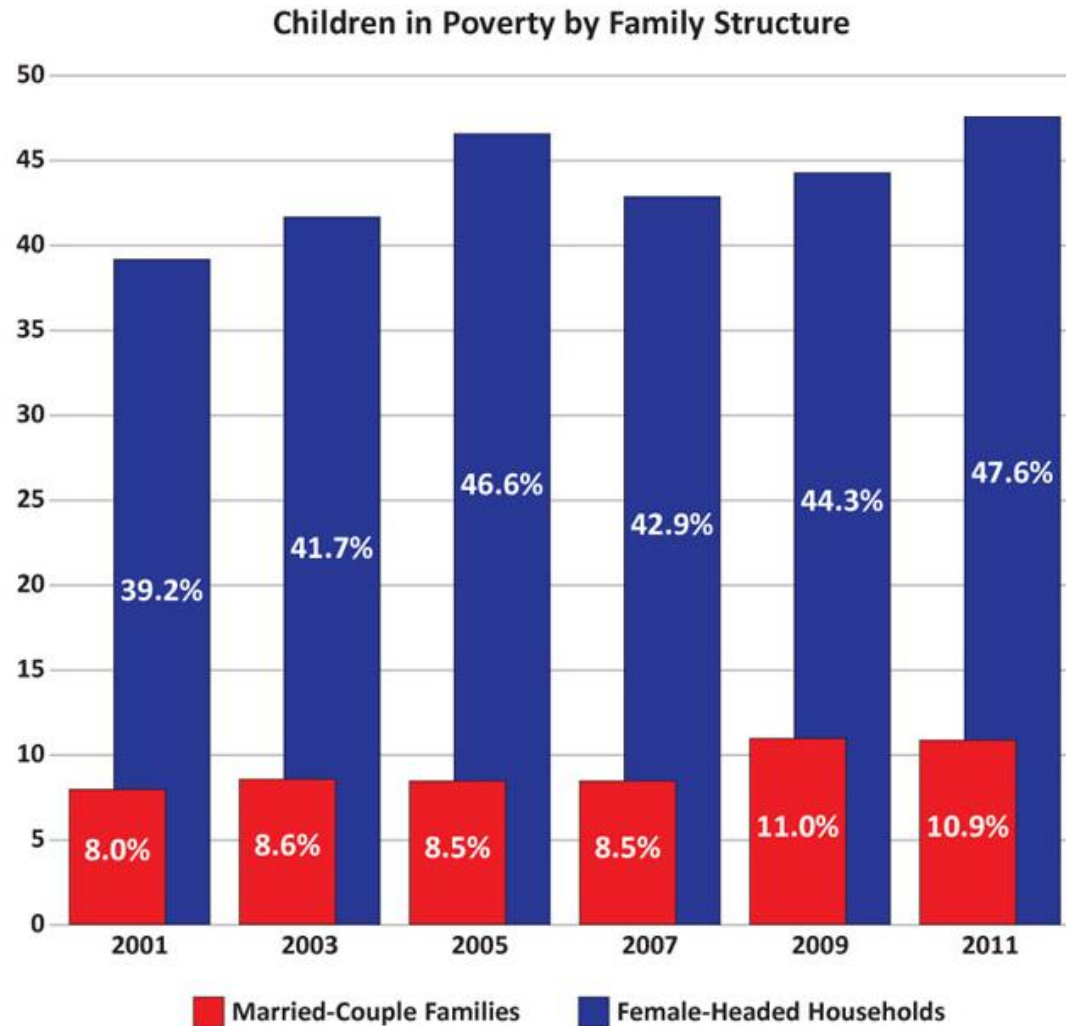


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Fatherlessness Triggers Poverty

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; ASEP Issue Brief: Information on Poverty and Income Statistics.
September 12, 2012 <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/12/PovertyAndIncomeEst/ib.shtml>



Fatherlessness Triggers Sexual Promiscuity

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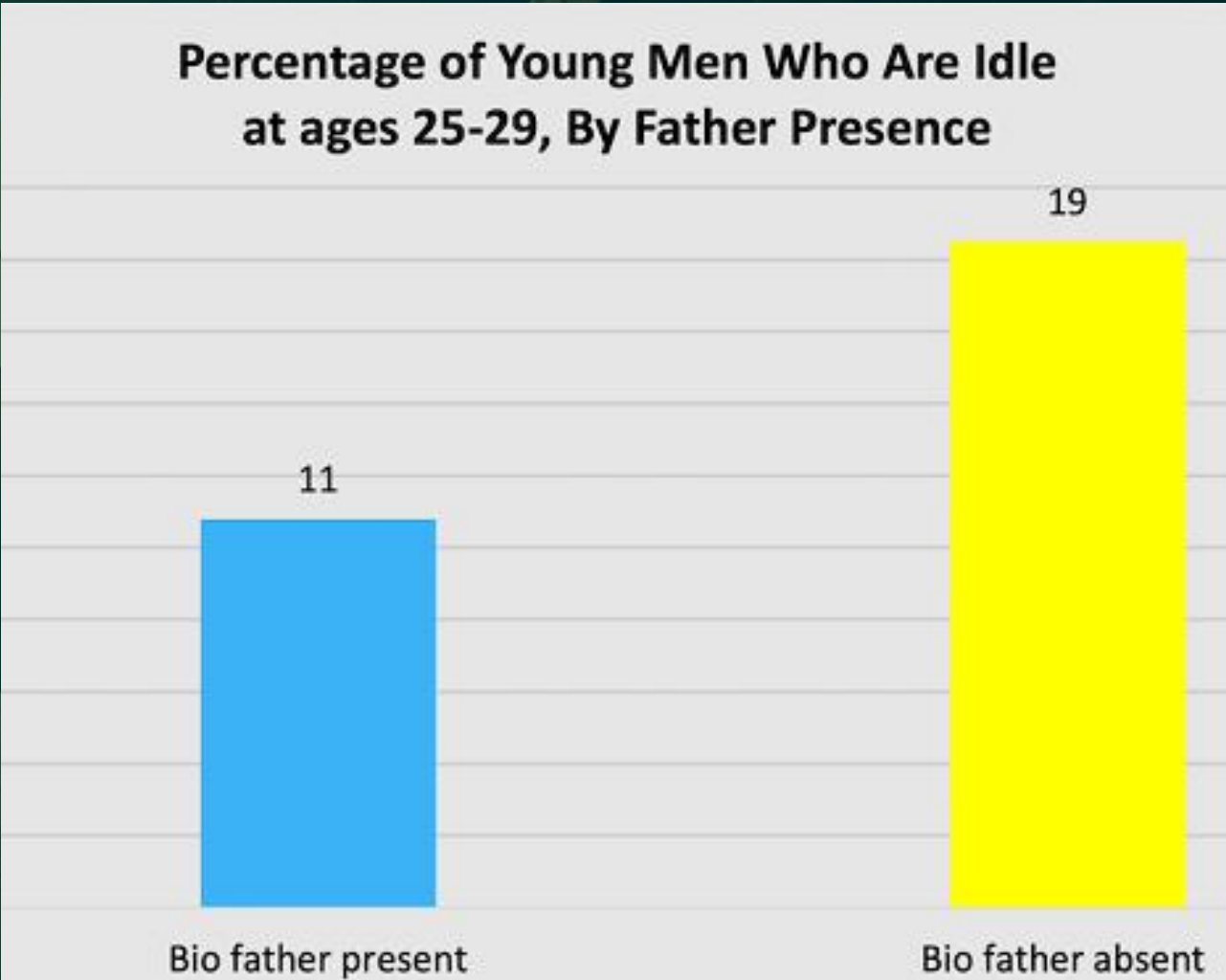
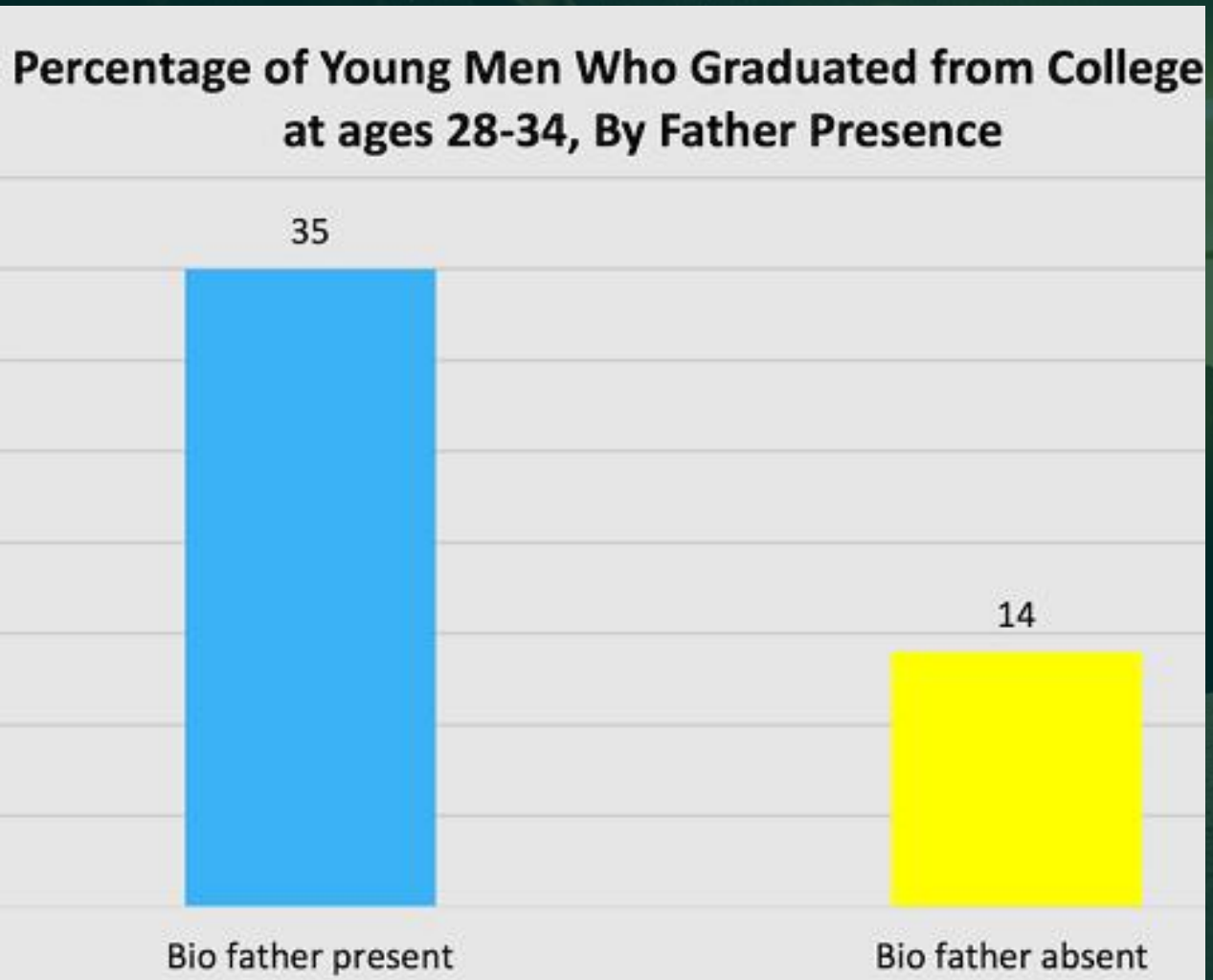
Table 2

Proportion of CNLSY sample who have had sexual intercourse by father presence.

Ever had sex	Total Sample		Females Only		Males Only	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<i>Always Absent</i>						
Yes	240	69.6	122	68.5	118	70.7
No	105	30.4	56	31.5	49	29.3
<i>Partially Absent</i>						
Yes	228	63.3	107	58.2	121	68.8
No	132	36.7	77	41.9	55	31.3
<i>Always Present</i>						
Yes	205	33.3	95	31.9	110	34.7
No	410	66.7	203	68.1	207	65.3

Note. 62 offspring (31 males, 31 females) were not included because of missing data for father absence.

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- **Truancy and poor academic performance:** 71 percent of high school dropouts are fatherless; fatherless children have more trouble academically, scoring poorly on tests of reading, mathematics, and thinking skills; children from father-absent homes are more likely to play truant from school, more likely to be excluded from school, more likely to leave school at age 16, and less likely to attain academic and professional qualifications in adulthood.
- **Delinquency and youth crime, including violent crime:** 85 percent of youth in prison have an absent father; fatherless children are more likely to offend and go to jail as adults.
- **Promiscuity and teen pregnancy:** Fatherless children are more likely to experience problems with sexual health, including a greater likelihood of having intercourse before the age of 16, foregoing contraception during first intercourse, becoming teenage parents, and contracting sexually transmitted infection; many girls manifest an object hunger for males, and in experiencing the emotional loss of their fathers egocentrically as a rejection of them, may become susceptible to exploitation by adult men.
- **Drug and alcohol abuse:** Fatherless children are more likely to smoke, drink alcohol, and abuse drugs in childhood and adulthood.
- **Homelessness:** 90 percent of runaway children have an absent father.

➤ 71% of high school dropouts are fatherless.

➤ 85% of felons are fatherless.

➤ 95% of runaways are fatherless.

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Given the fact that these and other social problems correlate more strongly with fatherlessness than with any other factor—surpassing race, social class, and poverty—father absence may well be the most critical social issue of our time. In *Fatherless America*, David Blankenhorn calls the crisis of fatherless children “the most destructive trend of our generation.” A recent British report from the University of Birmingham, “Dad and Me,” confirms Blankenhorn’s claims, concluding that the need for a father is on an epidemic scale, and “father deficit” should be treated as a public health issue.

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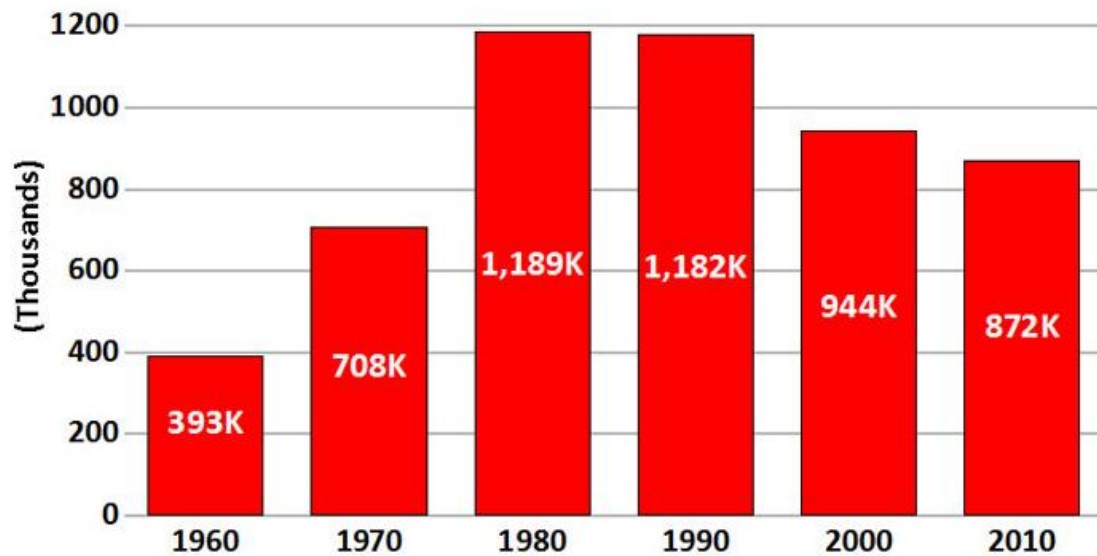
Most research focuses on two major causes for the growth in fatherlessness since the early 1960's: divorce and out-of-wedlock births.

1. Divorce

– The number of divorced adults in 2008 was 8,444,000 compared to 393,000 in 1960.

Source: US National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics of the United States, and National Vital Statistics Report, Table 78.

U.S. Divorces by Year

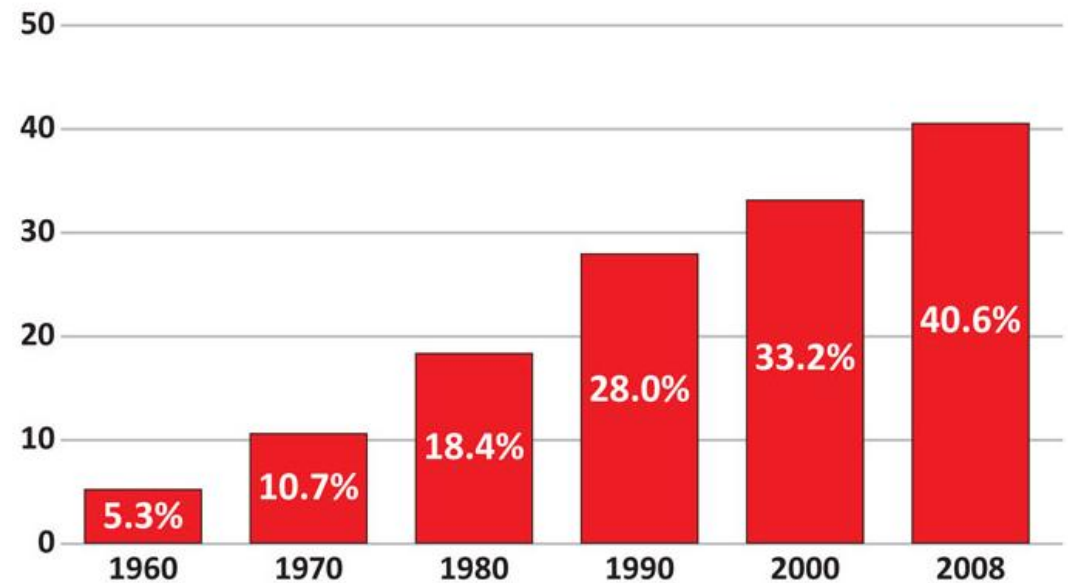


*NOTES: The number above for the year 2000 excludes data for 4 states: California, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

2. Out-of-Wedlock Births

– 40.6% of all newborns in 2008 were born to unmarried parents, a total of 1,727,950 children, the highest ever reported — up from 224,300 in 1960.

Out-of-Wedlock Births

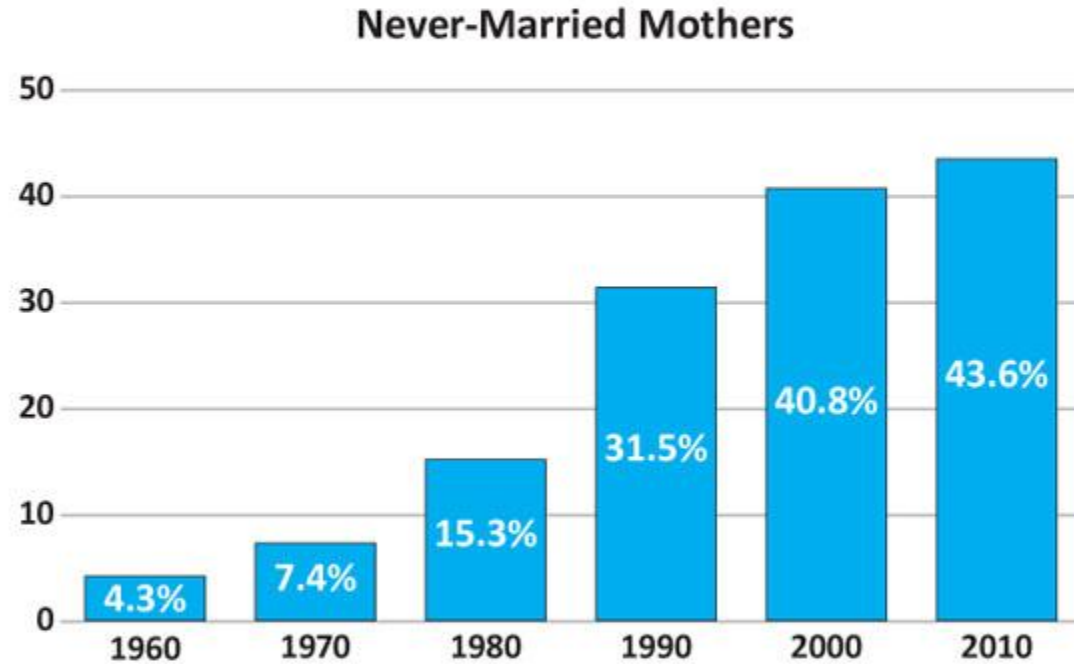


1960 – 224,300
1970 – 398,700
1980 – 666,700
1990 – 1,165,000
2000 – 1,346,000
2008 – 1,727,950

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Nearly one in two children in single-mother homes live with mothers who have never been married. Four decades ago, the figure was one in sixteen, one-seventh of today's figure.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Current Population, 2011.



Source: US Census Bureau. "Children Under 18 Living with Mother Only, By Marital Status of Mother, 1960 to Present" T
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- Divorce
- Rejecting Marriage
- Rejecting Complimentarianism for Matriarchy



Biblical Complimentarianism

Gen 1:26–27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (27) So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Teach The Children

Deu 6:4-9 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! (5) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. (6) "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart...

Teach The Children

Deu 6:4-9 "... (7) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. (8) You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. (9) You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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Mal 4:5-6 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. (6) And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

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Eph 6:1–4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (2) "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," which is the first commandment with promise: (3) "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH." (4) And you, **fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.**

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