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+ Mission

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+ Goal

To improve our understanding of how family structure is linked to the health and well-being of children, adults, families, and communities and to inform policy development and programmatic responses.

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+ Fast Facts on American Fathers



Most men expect to be fathers. In 2017, **76%** of childless men expected to have a child and **34%** of fathers expected to have another child. (FP-21-14)



The average age at which men became fathers has increased to **27.5**. Men are, on average, about **three years older** than women when their first child is born. (FP-19-28)



Married fathers experience fatherhood about **4 years later** than cohabiting fathers and about **3.3 years later** than single fathers. (FP-19-28)



The mean age at first birth for men was **highest** among Whites (**28.5**) and **lowest** among Hispanics (**25.4**). (FP-19-28)



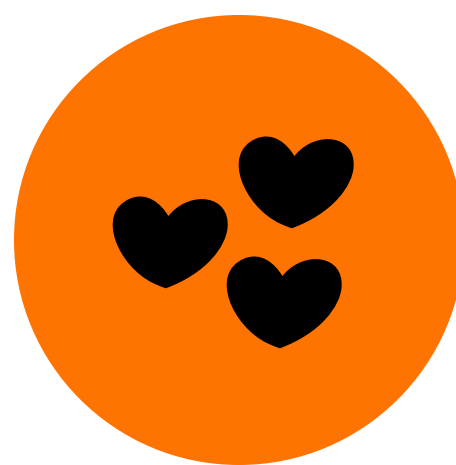
The **highest** average age at fatherhood was among men with a master's degree or higher (**32.3 years old**) and **lowest** was among men with less than a high school diploma (**23.9 years old**). (FP-19-28)



The mean age at last birth for men was **lowest** among White and Black fathers (**34 years old**). (FP-22-05)



About one-quarter (**23%**) of men aged 40-44 were childless in 2016 compared to **15%** of men in 1987/1988. (FP-19-29)



The proportion of men who had a child before their first marriage increased from **19%** among men married in 1990s to **27%** in the 2010s. (FP-20-14)



In 2021, **3%** of children in the U.S. were living with a single father in contrast to **18%** living with a single mother. (FP-21-26)

+ Family Profiles

Original reports summarizing and analyzing nationally representative data with the goal to provide the latest analysis of U.S. families. These profiles examine topics related to the NCFMR's core research themes.

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