**Fast Facts on American Fathers**

- Most childless 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](#))

- On average, fathers at the end of their childbearing years (aged 40 to 44) had **1.8** children. ([FP-19-29](#))

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

- Married men expect to have their first child sooner than single or cohabiting men. Over half (58%) of married men, 16% of cohabiting men, and 4% of single men expected to have their first child with in the next two years. ([FP-22-06](#))

- Among men over age 45 to 49 the mean age at last birth was in their mid-thirties. The age was **highest** among men who identified as multiracial (36 years old) or some race/ethnicity other than Hispanic, White, or Black and **lowest** among White and Black men (34 years old). ([FP-22-05](#))

- Nearly one-quarter (22%) of fathers lived apart from at least one of their children; **78%** of fathers lived with all their children. ([FP-22-22](#))

- Fathers with a college degree most often lived with all of their children (89%) whereas 63% of fathers with less than a high school education lived with all of their children. ([FP-22-22](#))

- The share of single fathers living alone was much smaller than the share of single mothers living alone (3% compared to 9%). However, among single parents, the share of fathers living with another adult was similar to that of mothers (70% compared to 69%). ([FP-22-17](#))

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

**Family Profiles**

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- [https://www.bgsu.edu/ncfmr/resources/data/resources-by-topic/fathers.html](https://www.bgsu.edu/ncfmr/resources/data/resources-by-topic/fathers.html)
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