

## Father's Day Statistics That Are Frightening

### There are:

- 11,268,000 total custodial mothers
- 2,907,000 total custodial fathers

[*Current Populations Reports*, US Bureau of the Census, Series P-20, No. 458, 1991]

### What does this mean? Children from fatherless homes are:

- 4.6 times more likely to commit **suicide**,
- 6.6 times to become teenaged mothers (if they are girls, of course),
- 24.3 times more likely to run away,
- 15.3 times more likely to have behavioral disorders,
- 6.3 times more likely to be in a state-operated institutions,
- 10.8 times more likely to commit rape,
- 6.6 times more likely to drop out of school,
- 15.3 times more likely to end up in prison while a teenager.

*(The calculation of the relative risks shown in the preceding list is based on 27% of children being in the care of single mothers.)*

and — compared to children who are in the care of two biological, married parents — children who are in the care of single mothers are:

- 33 times more likely to be seriously abused (so that they will require medical attention), and
- 73 times more likely to be killed.

[**"Marriage: The Safest Place for Women and Children"**, by Patrick F. Fagan and Kirk A. Johnson, Ph.D. Backgrounder #1535.]