

# American Institute for Boys and Men: Why We Exist



**Too many boys and men are struggling—at school, at work, and in their families and communities.**

**4x**

In the U.S., men are four times more likely to die by suicide than women.

**71%**

Share of U.S. opioid overdose deaths that occur among men.

**63%**

The share of fathers who say they spend too little time with their children.

**9 M**

The number of working-age men not working or looking for work in late 2019.

**14%**

The decline in median earnings for men without college degrees since 1979.

**21%**

The share of children being raised by a single mom, up from 11% in 1968.

**14%**

The percentage point gap in school readiness between boys and girls at age 5.

**15%**

The percentage point gap between boys and girls receiving bachelor's degrees.

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1 in 3

The share of children who, six years after their parents separate, don't see their father at all.

30%

In a given year, Black men earn approximately 30% less than white men.

36%

Share of Bachelor's degrees awarded to Black students going to Black men.

## Policy solutions for boys and men

At the American Institute for Boys & Men, we believe many of these challenges are structural and demand evidence-based policy solutions. Our aim is to inform policy and public dialogue with nonpartisan research so that boys and men from all backgrounds can lead healthy, happy, and meaningful lives.

## Check out more research

There is unfortunately much more showing how boys and men are struggling, check out our deeper dives into our research areas.

To learn more, go to: [aibm.org/why-we-exist](https://aibm.org/why-we-exist)