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.

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

14%

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

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.

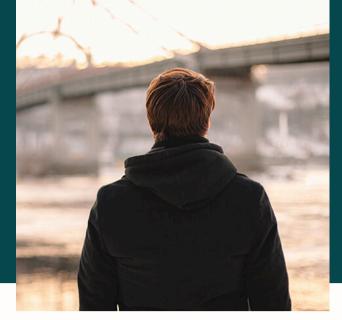
15%

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

