

**BLACK FATHERS
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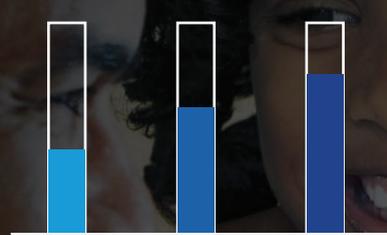


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97%

of all dads agree that the day that their child was born was one of the best days of their lives



45% 60% 70%

70% of black dads said they **bathed, diapered or dressed** their children every day, compared with 60% of white fathers and 45% of Latino fathers

Among American fathers living apart from their children, black dads were at least as involved as other dads not living with their kids, or more so, according to most measures.



Nearly 35% of black fathers who lived with their young children said they **read to them daily**, compared with 30% of white dads and 22% of Latino dads.

The emotional, spiritual and physical tie between fathers and their children are never broken.

We know there is still much work to be done building the capacity of all fathers--particularly fathers facing challenges related to employment, incarceration, housing, mental health issues, and child support debt management, we are encouraged by this new research that shows Black fathers continue to demonstrate their desire to be actively and positively involved in the lives of their children, regardless of their marital or residential status, and in the face of negative media portrayals and myths about their parenting behaviors.



50% 42% 41%

Nearly half of black fathers living apart from their young children said they **played** with them at least several times a week, 42% said they **fed or ate** with them that frequently, and 41% said they **bathed, diapered or helped dress** them as often



Black fathers were **more likely** than white or Latino dads to stay close to their children after having more kids with a new partner



86%

of dads say they spend more time with their children than their fathers did with them

Adapted from the following Sources:
Fathers' Involvement with Their Children: United States, 2006-2010; National Health Statistics Reports
Father Involvement PR Study Results; Ad Council and National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse; May 2012