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> According to OpenAI (2023), financial stress due to inflation may lead some fathers to spend more time working and less time with their children.

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> Due to spiraling inflation, balancing work with family obligations increasingly challenges fathers (OpenAI, 2023).

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> Fredersen (1997) notes that "natural fathers aren't the only ones raising children on their own. As more families split up, social workers note that stepfathers increasingly are being called on to bring up other people's kids" (p. 62).

> At the turn of the century many men worked long hours, which entailed their absence from the family for most of the day: That was not a rejection of fatherhood but a necessary element of it (MacNeil & O'Brien, 2002, chap. 5).

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Cabrera, N. J., Tamis-LeMonda, C. S., Bradley, R. H., Hofferth, S., & Lamb, M. E. (2000). Fatherhood in the Twenty-First Century. *Child Development*, *71*(1), 127–136.

Cappenberg, R. P. (2004). Family crises. In R. J. Corsini, (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of psychology* (2nd ed., Vol. 2, pp. 8-9). Wiley.

Doucet, A. (2013). A 'choreography of becoming': Fathering, embodied care, and new materialisms. *Canadian Review of Sociology*, *50*(3), 284-305. https://doi.org/10.1111/cars.12016

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*National fatherhood initiative research*. (n.d.). http://www.fatherhood .org/research.asp

OpenAI. (2023). ChatGPT (Aug 15 version) [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com/chat

TED. (2013, January 23). *Colin Powell: Kids need structure* [Video]. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhYnouvrG_8

U.S. Const., art. IV, § 3.

Weiderman, S. G. (1995). *Becoming a father*. National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.

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| **Magazine article with an author** | Fredersen, J. H. (1997, April 13). When fathers raise children alone. *U.S. News and World Report, 112*(14), 61-62. |
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| **Scholarly journal article** | Larson, G. (2009). Cross-cultural studies of fatherhood. *Journal of Marriage and the Family, 47*(3), 18-24. |
| **Book with editors** | MacNeil, L., & O'Brien, M. B. (Eds.). (2002). *The father figure* (3rd ed.). Tavistock. |
| **Book** | McBain, R. W. (2024). *The father as actor and hero*. Harvard University Press. |
| **Newspaper article with author given** | Schorr, B. (2001, April 12). States cracking down on fathers dodging child-support payments. *The New York Times*, A1, A14. |
| **Government document with the same author and publisher** | U.S. Department of Justice. (1999). *Child-support payment laws* (ACLW Publication 16). Author. |
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| **Article from an online database with no DOI** | Evans, G. (1998, May 15). A father's place is in the home. *New Statesman & Society, 11*(4385), 22-23. |
| **Scholarly journal article, from an online database, with a DOI** | Forste, R., Bartkowski, J. P., & Jackson, R. A. (2009). "Just be there for them": Perceptions of fathering among single, low-income men. *Fathering: A Journal of Theory, Research, & Practice about Men as Fathers*, *7*(1), 49-69. https://doi.org/10.3149/fth.0701.49 |
| **Scholarly journal article, from an online database, with a URL** | Cabrera, N. J., Tamis-LeMonda, C. S., Bradley, R. H., Hofferth, S., & Lamb, M. E. (2000). Fatherhood in the Twenty-First Century. *Child Development*, *71*(1), 127–136. |
| **eBook from an ACC library** | Goldberg, W. A. (2014). *Father time: The social clock and the timing of fatherhood*. Palgrave Macmillan. https://doi.org/10.1057/9781137372727 |
| **Online encyclopedia article** | Kohama, S. (2002). Genetics: Parental influence. In D. J. Ekerdt (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of aging* (Vol. 2, pp. 553-555). Macmillan Reference USA. |

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| **AI (large language model software)** | OpenAI. (2024). *ChatGPT* (Aug 26 version) [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com/chat |
| **Magazine article directly from the web** | Wilcox, W. B. (2013, June 14). The distinct, positive impact of a good dad: How fathers contribute to their kids' lives. *The Atlantic*. https://www.theatlantic.com/sexes/archive/2013/06/the-distinct-positive-impact-of-a-good-dad/276874 |
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| **Web page, no author or date given** | *National fatherhood initiative research*. (n.d.). http://www.fatherhood.org/research.asp |
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