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More Fathers Embracing Childcare Provider Role

The U.S. Census Bureau on Dec. 5 [reported](#) that in nearly one-third of families with a working mother the father was the primary caregiver of their children under 15 indicating the continued growth of men embracing the role.

The number of fathers taking on this responsibility increased to 32 percent in 2010 from 26 percent in 2002, according to the report. That includes 29 percent of the 20 million children in the United States ages 5 and younger that are primarily cared for by their fathers.

[Daddyshome, Inc., The National At-Home Dad Network](#) believes this is a growing trend of involved fathers over recent years. "While it is possible that more men than otherwise would have are caring for children due to the recent recession, the trend over the last 10 years has been one of men taking on more responsibility with childcare, so, for me, this information is not a surprise," says Daddyshome, Inc. President Al Watts.

The increase of fathers as the primary caregivers show that dads are, more than ever, willing to take care of their children regardless of their economic situations.

"This may be a real positive step in families and communities. Fathers are becoming more involved with their children which studies have shown decreases drug abuse and teen pregnancy. If the recession is the cause of more men being home with their kids, the results may, in the long-run, be stronger families."

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