

Data Points on

# Black Women and Single Mother Households



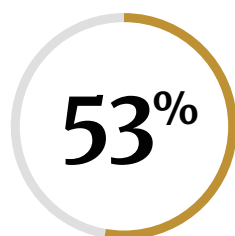
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Black women have long been at risk of experiencing untreated trauma, poverty, violence, protection, police brutality, and food and housing insecurity.

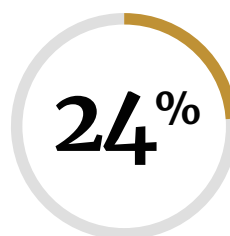
During the COVID 19 pandemic, Black women have suffered job losses and their children especially those among single mother homes have experienced severe hardship.<sup>1,2</sup>

Black women were surveyed by the U.S. Census Bureau between March 2020 and April 2021:<sup>3</sup>



53%

of Black women reported their household **lost income** since the start of the pandemic.



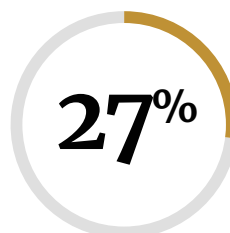
24%

of Black women **expected income losses** over the next month.



20%

of Black women reported **not having enough food** to eat in the past week.



27%

27% of Black women that rent reported **being behind on rent**.

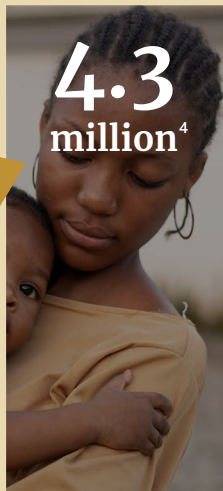
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1990-2020

The number of Black households with single mothers increased from



2017

Black mothers were

**more than twice**

as likely as white mothers to be their family's **primary breadwinner**, and

**more than 50%**

more likely than Latina mothers.<sup>5</sup>



2019

35%

of Black single mothers lived in poverty exceeded only by Native American single mothers at 43%.<sup>1</sup>

Living with two married parents is a common living arrangement for children of all races

**except Black children.**



**Fewer than two fifths**

of Black children lived with two married parents in 2020.<sup>6</sup>

2018

Black women were

**2.5 times**

more likely to be **murdered by men** than White women.<sup>7</sup>



2014

Black women of all ages were

**twice**

as likely to be **imprisoned** as White women.<sup>8</sup>



**Quality childcare**

is **unaffordable** for many Black women.<sup>9</sup>



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<sup>7</sup>Violence Policy Center, "When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2018 Homicide Data," September 2020, <https://vpc.org/studies/wmmw2020.pdf>

<sup>8</sup>National Domestic Worker's Alliance & Institute for Women's Policy Research, "The Status of Black Women in the United States," June 2017, <https://iwpr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/The-Status-of-Black-Women-6.26.17.pdf>

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