

# Statistics

“We estimate that family fragmentation costs U.S. taxpayers at least \$112 billion each and every year, or more than \$1 trillion each decade...”

These costs arise from increased taxpayer expenditures for antipoverty, criminal justice, and education programs, and through lower levels of taxes paid by individuals who, as adults, earn less because of reduced opportunities as a result of having been more likely to grow up in poverty.

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The \$112 billion figure represents a ‘lower-bound’ or minimum estimate. Given the cautious assumptions used throughout this analysis, we can be confident that current high rates of family fragmentation cost taxpayers at least \$112 billion per year.

The estimate of \$112 billion per year is the total figure incurred at the federal, state, and local levels. Of these taxpayer costs, \$70.1 billion are at the federal level, \$33.3 billion are at the state level, and \$8.5 billion are at the local level. Taxpayers in California incur the highest state and local costs at \$4.8 billion, while taxpayers in Wyoming have the lowest state and local costs at \$61 million.”

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**Table 7. Estimated Costs of Family Fragmentation for U.S. Taxpayers\***

*\* These costs include federal, state, and local costs.*

	in billions
Justice System	\$19.3
TANF – Cash Assistance	\$5.1
Food Stamps	\$9.6
Housing Assistance	\$7.3
Medicaid	\$27.9
SCHIP	\$2.8
Child Welfare	\$9.2
WIC	\$1.6
LIHEAP	\$0.7
Head Start	\$2.7
School Lunch and Breakfast Program	\$3.5
Additional U.S. Income Taxes Paid	\$6.1
Additional FICA Taxes Paid	\$9.4
Additional State & Local Taxes Paid	\$6.8
<b>Total U.S. Taxpayer Cost of Family Fragmentation</b>	<b>\$112.0</b>

“The Taxpayer Costs of Divorce and Unwed Childbearing: First-Ever Estimates for the Nation and All Fifty States” by Institute for American Values, Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, Georgia Family Council, and Families Northwest; New York, NY, 2008. Page 18.

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**Table A.5: Estimates of State and Local Taxpayer Costs of Family Fragmentation (in millions)**

State	State & Local Tax Burden	Foregone Tax Revenue	Justice System	TANF	Medicaid	SCHIP	Child Welfare	Total
California	11.5%	\$717	\$1,621	\$515	\$1,083	\$153	\$739	\$4,829
New York	13.8%	\$657	\$1,230	\$202	\$1,184	\$73	\$322	\$3,668
Texas	9.3%	\$559	\$1,557	\$64	\$635	\$46	\$96	\$2,957
Ohio	12.4%	\$368	\$768	\$48	\$1,271	\$32	\$251	\$2,739
Pennsylvania	10.8%	\$267	\$643	\$109	\$839	\$36	\$421	\$2,315
Florida	10.0%	\$313	\$814	\$57	\$546	\$43	\$181	\$1,953





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