

FATHER'S RIGHTS

Father's rights advocates argue that what is called "shared custody" works to alleviate the inequalities of the traditional custodial-noncustodial parenting. Shared custody enlarges the idea of joint legal custody. Both the mother and the father share physical and legal custody and develop a parenting plan that reflects the division of time spent with the children.

Some states have adopted laws that require them to make a decision based on custody. Many courts work on making their decisions from a presumption of shared parenting.



An estimated 1 in 5 divorces with children result in shared custody agreements.

Shared parenting does not work in all cases. A lot of mothers who oppose shared custody face the burden of proving that their spouse is an unfit parent.

Feminist activists oppose the presumption, arguing that it is unworkable between uncooperative parents and puts women and children at risk in high-conflict divorce cases.

Father's rights activists have made shared custody a top legislative priority, and counter that shared parenting results in more than 90 percent of compliance in the payment of child support.

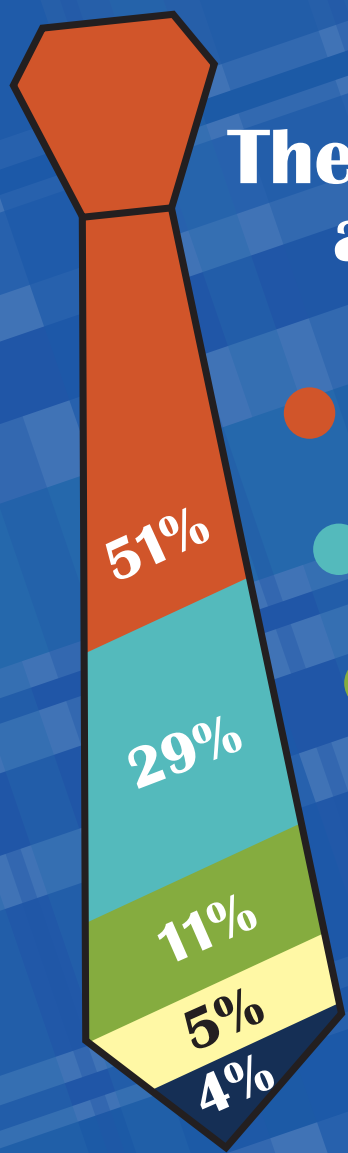


90% of divorces involving minor children grant custody to the mother



70% of all divorced fathers "felt they had too little contact with their children"

The majority of child custody cases are not decided by the courts



- 51% of custody cases, both parents agreed -- on their own -- that the mother should become the custodial parent.
- 29% of custody cases, the decision was made without any third party involvement.
- 11% of custody cases, the decision for mothers to have custody was made during mediation.
- 5% of custody cases, the issue was resolved after a custody evaluation.
- Only 4% of custody cases went to trial and of that 4%, only 1.5% completed custody litigation.

If you are a father who wishes to have equal parenting time with your children:



Do not allow your wife to dictate when, where and how often you will see your children.

Immediately hire an attorney or file a pro se petition with the court to establish equal parenting time with your children.

Do not let the financial cost associated with a child custody battle keep you from fighting.

Do not agree to less time with your child without first going through the mediation process.

Do what you know in your heart is right for you and your children.



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