## Families in vulnerable situations

From challenges to solutions

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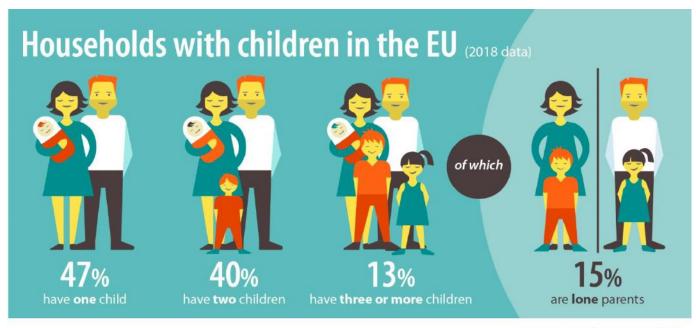
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#### **Single-parents in Spain**

Highest proportion of single-parent households in Denmark, lowest in Croatia. At EU level, 15% of households with children were single-parents households.

Spain rises a 10% of single-parent families, with 1.8 million and an increase in the last years, from 1.707.700 in 2013 to 1.887.500 in 2019.



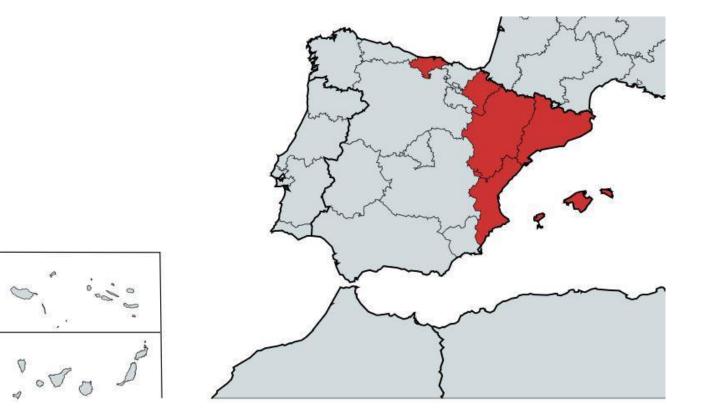
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During last years many regions and autonomous communities passed their own laws, but in 2020 Spain doesn't have a legal definition of single-parent family concept.

- Catalonia (2003)
- Valencia Region (2018)
- Navarre, Cantabria and Aragon (2019)
- Balears (2020)
- At least Galicia and Castille and León have a definition or concept in other general family laws, and more regions (Madrid, Murcia, etc.) are now in a debate about their own recognition of single-parent families.

Nowadays less than a half of single-parent families have a legal framework. Only a measure for all the country is defined by the government. The social discount of energy, that recognize the single-parent families as part of the collectives that could have a different income scale.

For probe your condition, only need a census certificate and your family book. It's available in all the country and in many cases our NGO have problems, because if the company have the call center in Barcelona they require a Single-parent card, because in Catalonia it's available.



The concept problem:

In order to understand the single-parenthood, only two common items appears in all the definitions.

These items are: only a parent, and the presence of at least a child. The same items than in a paper published in 2003.

In other items like ages, the differences between the different regions are huge, the economic dependence it's another field where the regions have different concepts, the same for the family living, etc.

Autores	Características de las familias monoparentales									
	Un solo progenitor	Edad progenitor	Sexo progenitor	Presencia hijos	Edad hijos	Estado civil hijos	Dependencia hijos	Tipo de dependencia	Convivencia con otras personas	Heterogeneidad en las causas
Consejo de Europa (1985)	x			x						
Alberdi, I. (1988)	x	x	x	x				x		
Borrajo Iniesta, S. (1988)	x	x		x	x		x			x
Durán, Mª A. (1988)	x	x		x	x					x
Iglesias de Ussel, J. (1988)	x		x	x			x			
Legall, D. y Martín, C. (1988)	x		x	x			x			
Sayn, I. (1988)	x			x	X		x			
Comisión Europea (1989)	x			x		x	x		x	
Roll, J. (1992)	x		x	x	X			x	x	
Almeda, E. y Flaquer, L (1995)	x			x		x			x	
Iglesias de Ussel, J. (1998)	x		x	x	x					x
Comisión de los Derechos de la Mujer (1998)	x			x			x		x	x

Cuadro 2. Características presentes en algunas definiciones de familia monoparental

#### **Isadora Duncan opinion**

The concept problem:

Our NGO encourage an equity policy about single-parenthood, we are families. Spain and Europe must start a global family policy, where the option of been large, single-parent or any model is part of the international and national policies of empowerment as society.

Benefits may be automatic, not a part of a process with lots of procedures in different administrative levels.

An strange situations, as a single-parent families with two children is considered large family, when their problems are more close with a single-parent with only a child than with a large family.



#### **Isadora Duncan opinion**

The care problem:

Our NGO started the secular housing resources in Spain in 1989, when the AMS Isadora Duncan provided a housing for single-parent families in León.

Cares and work-life balance where part of our chart of services, with a child care space for find a balance an allow families participate in all our counseling services and activities.

Single-parent always need a safety net, nowadays the family and friends are the people involved in make easier a work-life balance. But COVID era changed the availability of them. Actually a real family policy is more necessary, because in an emergency case a single-parent need a real safety net, without put in risk other people.



#### **Isadora Duncan opinion**

Single-parent diversity:

It's a fact, there are lots of types of single-parent families (leaded by a widow, a woman or a man after a divorce, etc.). But all have common problems, only a salary to pay all the bills, only 24 hours per day, a housing problem because lot of real estate agencies or landlords requires more than a salary for a rent contract, etc.

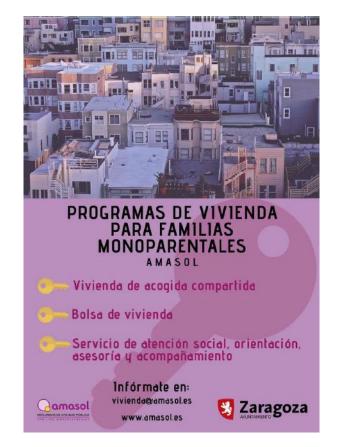
In our first survey of the National single-parent observatory more than a 40% of families lives in rent housing.



Housing programmes as sharing housing actions are developed by some NGO.







Child care spaces and camps developed by some NGO.



Support for families at home.



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