

KEY STATISTICS ON CHILDHOOD BEREAVEMENT

	UK	GB	England	Wales	Scotland	N Ireland
How many parents die <u>each year</u> , leaving dependent children? ¹	23,600 [^]	22,800 [^]	19,100 [^]	1,300 [^]	2,500 [^]	800 [^]
How often does a parent die, leaving dependent children?	Every 22 mins	Every 23 mins	Every 28 mins	Every 7 hours	Every 4 hours	Every 11 hours
How many children under 18 are bereaved of a parent <u>each year</u> ? ²	41,000 [*]	39,000 [*]	33,000 [*]	2,200 [^]	4,100 [^]	1,400 [^]
How many children are bereaved of a parent <u>each week</u> ?	780 [~]	750 [~]	630 [~]	40 [~]	80 [~]	30 [~]
How many children are bereaved of a parent <u>each day</u> ?	111	107	90	6	11	4
How many children in the current population aged 5-16 have been bereaved <u>of a parent or sibling</u> ? ³	309,000 [*]	299,000 [*]	261,000 [*]	15,000 [*]	24,000 [*]	10,000 [*]
What proportion of 16 year olds have been bereaved <u>of a parent</u> ? ⁴		5% [”] or 1 in 20				

* rounded to the nearest 1,000

[^] rounded to the nearest 100

[~] rounded to the nearest 10

[”] rounded to the nearest 1d.p.

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¹ Combines age banded mortality statistics from Office of National Statistics with census data on the proportion of adults living with dependent children.

² Combines age banded mortality statistics from Office of National Statistics with census data on the proportion of adults living with dependent children, and average number of dependent children by family type

³ Combined mid-term population estimates (ONS 2013) with data from a nationally representative sample of 7,977 children aged 5-17, which found that 3.5% had been bereaved of a parent at some point in their childhood (Fauth et al, 2009)

⁴ Percentage of young people included in the BCS1970 cohort study who had been bereaved of at least one parent by the age of 16. Parsons S (2011) *Long term impact of childhood bereavement. Preliminary analysis of the 1970 British Cohort Study (BCS70)*