

KEY ESTIMATED STATISTICS ON CHILDHOOD BEREAVEMENT

	UK	GB	England	Wales	Scotland	N Ireland
How many parents died <u>last year (2015)</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 were bereaved of a parent <u>last year</u> ? ²	41,000 [*]	39,000 [*]	33,000 [*]	2,200 [^]	4,100 [^]	1,500 [^]
How many children were bereaved of a parent <u>each week</u> last year?	780 [~]	750 [~]	630 [~]	40 [~]	80 [~]	30 [~]
How many children were bereaved of a parent <u>each day</u> last year?	112	107	90	6	11	4
What proportion of 16 year olds have been bereaved <u>of a parent</u> ? ³		5%” or 1 in 20				

* rounded to the nearest 1,000

[^] rounded to the nearest 100

[~] rounded to the nearest 10

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² Adapted from data from the Office for National Statistics licensed under the Open Government Licence v.3.0. Combines age banded mortality statistics with census data on the proportion of adults living with dependent children, and average number of dependent children by family type

³ 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)*