



Official Statistics

Data tables: children living with parents in emotional distress, 2020 update

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Table 1: proportion of children living with at least one parent reporting symptoms of emotional distress

Category	2010 to 2011	2011 to 2012	2012 to 2013	2013 to 2014	2014 to 2015	2015 to 2016	2016 to 2017	2017 to 2018
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Proportion of children living with at least one parent reporting symptoms of emotional distress	27.3	28.1	25.8	28.5	25.6	26.5	29.0	30.4
Proportion of children where mother is reporting symptoms of emotional distress	21.0	21.4	21.4	20.7	19.1	20.2	22.3	23.6
Proportion of children where father is reporting symptoms of emotional distress	12.1	12.6	10.3	13.8	11.8	11.4	12.1	12.5
Proportion of children where both mother and father are reporting symptoms of emotional distress	3.7	3.8	4.4	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.6

Source: Understanding Society survey, 2010 to 2018 (UK)

Table 2: proportion of children living with at least one parent reporting symptoms of emotional distress, by family type and work status

2017-2018	Workless family	At least one parent working
	(%)	(%)
Lone-parent family	46.3	31.1
Couple-parent family	48.4	28.2

Source: Understanding Society survey, 2017 to 2018 (UK)

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