

Parenting

Poll

18/09/2017

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

8th-15th September 2017

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via online panel. Invitations to complete surveys were sent out to members of the panel. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled

All parents aged 18+ in the United Kingdom

Sample Size

2,087

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all parents in the United Kingdom aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, and region. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office of National Statistics 2011 Census data.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 2,087 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 2.2% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Suration.

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Table 1
Q1. Is loneliness a problem for you?
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	Gender		Age			SEG				Region12										Number of Children			Marital Status					
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	East of England	East Midlands	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Scotland	Wales	NI	One	Two	Three or more	Single	Married / Civil Partnership	Divorced / Widowed / Other	
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Yes	508	208	300	237	258	13	209	127	67	105	71	39	36	17	53	89	34	49	44	37	21	20	216	155	64	141	300	67
	24.3%	21.7%	26.6%	30.9%	20.8%	16.7%	26.4%	19.3%	24.1%	29.0%	22.9%	19.9%	24.1%	20.7%	23.3%	30.7%	20.7%	26.7%	25.5%	22.7%	23.1%	30.1%	24.2%	23.6%	29.7%	35.1%	20.6%	29.8%
Not now but it has been in the past	575	246	329	254	307	15	230	183	70	92	98	46	47	15	65	66	45	55	55	44	23	17	274	186	61	117	411	48
	27.6%	25.6%	29.3%	33.0%	24.7%	19.3%	29.1%	27.9%	25.3%	25.4%	31.6%	23.8%	31.2%	18.4%	28.5%	22.7%	27.5%	29.9%	32.0%	27.1%	25.3%	26.7%	30.6%	28.4%	28.2%	29.2%	28.1%	21.2%
No	963	494	469	262	654	46	339	328	137	158	129	103	66	48	106	130	82	75	72	78	47	27	388	304	86	136	724	102
	46.1%	51.4%	41.7%	34.1%	52.7%	60.4%	42.8%	50.2%	49.6%	43.5%	41.7%	53.0%	43.6%	60.0%	46.6%	44.9%	50.1%	41.2%	41.7%	48.4%	51.6%	41.4%	43.4%	46.3%	39.7%	34.1%	49.5%	45.5%
Don't know	41	13	28	16	22	3	14	17	3	8	12	6	2	1	4	5	3	4	1	3	-	1	15	11	5	7	26	8
	2.0%	1.4%	2.4%	2.1%	1.8%	3.6%	1.8%	2.5%	1.0%	2.2%	3.7%	3.3%	1.1%	0.9%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	2.2%	0.7%	1.7%	-	1.8%	1.7%	1.8%	2.4%	1.7%	1.8%	3.5%
SIGMA	2087	961	1126	769	1241	77	792	654	277	364	309	194	151	80	228	289	164	183	172	161	90	65	893	656	216	401	1462	225
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 2
Q2. When did you last feel lonely?
Base : All Respondents

	Gender		Age			SEG				Region12										Number of Children			Marital Status						
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	East of England	East Midlands	North East	North West	South East	South West	West Midlands	Yorkshire and Humber	Scotland	Wales	NI	One	Two	Three or more	Single	Married / Civil Partnership	Divorced / Widowed / Other		
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In the last week	428	173	255	213	205	10	181	110	55	82	54	42	32	18	42	71	28	35	39	33	15	18	189	120	61	120	248	60	
	20.5%	18.0%	22.6%	27.7%	16.5%	12.4%	22.8%	16.9%	19.9%	22.4%	17.5%	21.7%	21.4%	21.9%	18.4%	24.7%	16.9%	19.1%	22.7%	20.5%	16.5%	28.1%	21.2%	18.3%	28.0%	30.0%	16.9%	26.6%	
In the last month	361	151	210	156	197	7	159	98	46	59	76	30	30	10	36	45	20	41	30	24	9	9	154	118	40	76	258	27	
	17.3%	15.7%	18.7%	20.4%	15.9%	9.7%	20.0%	15.0%	16.5%	16.2%	24.5%	15.5%	20.1%	13.0%	16.0%	15.4%	12.3%	22.5%	17.7%	14.9%	10.1%	13.6%	17.3%	18.0%	18.6%	18.9%	17.7%	12.1%	
In the last year	312	115	197	144	160	8	112	100	49	52	49	23	19	11	34	41	21	33	28	25	14	14	150	93	27	78	209	25	
	15.0%	11.9%	17.5%	18.8%	12.9%	10.3%	14.1%	15.2%	17.6%	14.3%	15.9%	11.6%	12.7%	13.7%	15.0%	14.2%	13.1%	18.0%	16.1%	15.8%	15.5%	20.8%	16.8%	14.2%	12.7%	19.6%	14.3%	11.2%	
More than a year ago	267	121	146	86	172	9	104	93	31	38	25	31	26	10	38	28	25	21	18	24	14	5	107	97	25	30	201	35	
	12.8%	12.6%	12.9%	11.1%	13.8%	11.9%	13.2%	14.2%	11.2%	10.5%	8.1%	16.0%	17.0%	12.2%	16.8%	9.7%	15.5%	11.6%	10.7%	15.0%	15.7%	8.1%	12.0%	14.8%	11.7%	7.6%	13.7%	15.8%	
More than five years ago	353	207	146	83	251	20	144	124	28	57	54	32	20	13	34	51	37	29	30	34	14	5	150	125	27	36	287	30	
	16.9%	21.6%	13.0%	10.7%	20.2%	26.0%	18.2%	19.0%	10.3%	15.6%	17.6%	16.5%	13.1%	16.3%	15.2%	17.6%	22.3%	16.0%	17.4%	21.1%	15.1%	8.0%	16.8%	19.0%	12.3%	9.1%	19.6%	13.4%	
Don't know	366	194	172	87	256	23	92	129	68	77	51	36	24	18	42	53	33	23	26	20	24	14	143	103	36	59	259	47	
	17.5%	20.2%	15.3%	11.3%	20.6%	29.8%	11.6%	19.7%	24.6%	21.0%	16.5%	18.7%	15.7%	22.9%	18.6%	18.5%	19.9%	12.6%	15.4%	12.7%	27.0%	21.3%	16.0%	15.7%	16.6%	14.8%	17.8%	21.0%	
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	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 4
Q4. Since becoming a parent for the first time, how regularly do you feel cut-off from your friends and other means of support?
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	Gender		Age			SEG				Region12										Number of Children			Marital Status					
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Always	186 8.9%	69 7.2%	117 10.4%	114 14.9%	69 5.5%	3 4.3%	75 9.5%	47 7.2%	21 7.4%	44 12.1%	22 7.2%	10 5.2%	15 9.9%	9 11.7%	20 8.7%	11 6.9%	31 17.1%	9 5.5%	17 10.6%	6 6.4%	11 17.1%	62 6.9%	75 11.4%	31 14.3%	52 13.1%	114 7.8%	20 8.8%	
Often	523 25.1%	236 24.6%	287 25.5%	275 35.7%	243 19.6%	5 6.4%	207 26.1%	148 22.6%	77 27.8%	91 25.1%	93 30.2%	47 24.1%	41 27.1%	16 19.8%	52 22.7%	73 25.2%	39 23.7%	42 22.7%	52 30.3%	37 23.0%	18 19.6%	14 21.1%	252 28.2%	150 22.9%	64 29.5%	129 32.3%	346 23.7%	47 21.0%
Sometimes	702 33.6%	309 32.1%	393 34.9%	236 30.7%	443 35.7%	23 29.7%	279 35.2%	231 35.4%	85 30.6%	107 29.3%	100 32.5%	60 30.7%	57 38.0%	27 34.1%	71 31.1%	96 33.3%	65 39.6%	63 34.3%	48 36.7%	32 30.0%	19 35.3%	19 29.8%	312 34.9%	229 34.9%	69 32.0%	115 28.6%	523 35.8%	64 28.4%
Rarely	453 21.7%	222 23.1%	231 20.5%	100 13.0%	319 25.7%	34 44.2%	160 20.3%	156 23.9%	59 21.4%	77 21.1%	67 21.5%	56 29.0%	23 15.0%	17 20.9%	50 21.8%	69 23.9%	30 18.2%	37 20.4%	29 16.8%	41 25.3%	18 20.1%	17 26.1%	187 21.0%	129 19.6%	35 16.2%	65 16.2%	319 21.8%	69 30.6%
Never	223 10.7%	126 13.1%	97 8.7%	44 5.8%	167 13.5%	12 15.4%	71 8.9%	72 11.0%	35 12.8%	45 12.4%	27 8.7%	21 11.1%	15 10.0%	11 13.5%	36 15.8%	27 9.4%	19 11.7%	10 5.5%	18 10.7%	17 11.0%	4 5.9%	80 9.0%	73 11.2%	17 8.0%	39 9.8%	159 10.9%	25 11.2%	
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Table 5
Q5. How often do you worry that you child/ren is / are lonely?
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Often	343 16.4%	137 205 14.3% 18.2%	152 19.8%	183 14.8%	7 9.4%	143 18.1%	98 15.0%	41 14.8%	60 16.6%	62 20.0%	26 13.4%	24 15.9%	15 18.3%	38 16.6%	40 13.9%	22 13.5%	41 22.2%	24 13.7%	23 14.3%	13 14.7%	16 24.1%	163 18.2%	92 14.0%	40 18.5%	82 20.4%	220 15.0%	41 18.2%
Some of the time	915 43.8%	417 498 43.4% 44.3%	344 44.7%	540 43.5%	31 40.0%	367 46.3%	265 40.5%	118 42.6%	165 45.4%	147 47.5%	87 44.8%	69 45.8%	32 39.7%	101 44.4%	127 44.1%	83 50.8%	73 39.9%	80 46.3%	57 35.5%	34 37.7%	24 37.6%	406 45.4%	263 40.1%	90 41.5%	172 43.0%	651 44.6%	91 40.7%
Hardly ever	534 25.6%	267 266 27.8% 23.7%	175 22.8%	336 27.1%	23 29.7%	179 22.6%	198 30.3%	79 28.6%	78 21.3%	67 21.7%	57 29.5%	39 25.9%	15 18.6%	58 25.7%	76 26.3%	35 21.2%	43 23.7%	47 27.4%	59 36.8%	27 29.7%	10 15.2%	203 22.7%	189 28.9%	68 31.6%	99 24.6%	376 25.7%	59 26.2%
Never	295 14.2%	140 156 14.5% 13.8%	97 12.6%	182 14.7%	16 20.9%	103 13.0%	92 14.1%	39 14.0%	61 16.7%	34 10.9%	24 12.4%	19 12.4%	19 23.4%	30 13.3%	46 15.8%	24 14.5%	26 14.2%	22 12.6%	22 13.5%	16 17.9%	15 23.2%	121 13.6%	112 17.0%	18 8.5%	48 12.0%	214 14.6%	33 14.9%
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