

What do we know about non-resident fathers?

Tables

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This paper includes a range of tables using data from the UK-wide survey Understanding Society (2009-11¹) which profile men who live apart from their children². The tables accompany the briefing paper '*What do we know about non-resident fathers?*'

Table conventions

- All data has been weighted using survey weights, however, weighted bases are not shown
- All percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole per cent
- Where the unweighted base is fewer than 50 cases the per cent is shown in square brackets and caution should be placed on this finding due to the small base size []
- Where the per cent is less than 0.5 but greater than 0 - a '+' symbol is shown
- Where there are no cases in the category a '0' is shown
- Statistical significance is indicated by * < 5% ** < 1% *** < 0.1%

¹ All data comes from Wave 1 of Understanding Society.

² Throughout this paper 'non-resident children' only includes those non-resident children which are aged under 16 years old..

Table 1 Whether men have non-resident children under 16	
<i>Base: All men aged 16-64</i>	
Whether any non-resident children	%
Father of dependent child: Has non-resident children only	3
Father of dependent child: Has resident children only	24
Father of dependent child: Both resident and non-resident children	1
No dependent age children	71
<i>Unweighted base</i>	<i>20,741</i>

Table 2 Whether fathers have non-resident children under 16	
<i>Base: All fathers with dependent age children</i>	
Whether any non-resident children	%
Father has non-resident children	17
Father does not have non-resident children	83
<i>Unweighted base</i>	<i>6,282</i>

Table 3 Whether non-resident fathers have other children and partners	
<i>Base: Fathers with non-resident children</i>	
Other children	%
Father has resident and non-resident children (father living with a partner)	27
Father has resident and non-resident children (father with no resident partner)	2
Father has non-resident children only (father living with a partner)	24
Father has non-resident children only (father with no resident partner)	46
<i>Unweighted base</i>	<i>1,053</i>

Table 4 Father's age group, by whether has non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Unweighted base
Age group	%	%	N
16 to 24	34	66	158
25 to 34	19	81	1,380
35 to 44	16	84	2,751
45+	14	86	1,993
Total	17	83	6,282

Row percentages

Table 5 Father's marital status, by whether has non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Total
Relationship status	%	%	%
Married/Civil partnership	27	79	71
Living as couple	27	18	19
Widowed/survivor	1	+	+
Divorced	12	1	3
Separated	8	1	2
Never married	25	1	5
<i>Unweighted base</i>	1,052	5,228	6,280

Column percentages

Table 6 Father's highest educational attainment, by whether has non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Total
Educational attainment	%	%	%
Degree or higher	22	39	36
A-Level	8	9	9
GCSE/Other	44	36	37
None	25	17	18
<i>Unweighted base</i>	1,053	5,229	6,282

Column percentages

Table 7 Father's working status, by whether has non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Total
Working status	%	%	%
Works full-time	64	81	79
Works part-time	6	5	5
Unemployed	17	7	9
Economically inactive	13	6	7
<i>Unweighted base</i>	1,039	5,172	6,211

Column percentages

Table 8 Father's NSSEC (National Statistics Socio-economic Classification), by whether has non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Total
NSSEC	%	%	%
Management/Professional	25	43	40
Intermediate	14	17	16
Routine	32	26	27
Unknown	29	14	17
<i>Unweighted base</i>	1,053	5,229	6,282

Column percentages

Table 9 Father's ethnic group, by whether has non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	<i>Unweighted bases</i>
Ethnic group	%	%	N
White British	17	83	4,255
White other	16	84	270
Indian	6	94	332
Pakistani	6	94	336
Bangladeshi	7	93	277
Caribbean	32	68	136
African	19	81	263
Mixed	21	79	97
Other	12	88	311
Total	17	83	6,282

Row percentages

Table 10 Father's religion, by whether has non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Total
Religion	%	%	%
No religion	65	54	56
Christian (including Catholic)	30	36	35
Muslim/Islam	2	6	5
Hindu	0	2	1
Sikh	0	1	1
Other	2	2	2
<i>Unweighted bases</i>	1,053	5,226	6,279

Column percentages

Table 11 Father's tenure, by whether has non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Total
Tenure	%	%	%
Own outright or with mortgage	49	74	69
Social rent	24	13	15
Private rent	25	12	14
Other	2	1	2
<i>Unweighted base</i>	1,053	5,229	6,282

Column percentages

Table 12 Father's location, by whether has non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Unweighted base
Location	%	%	N
North East	19	81	256
North West	19	81	672
Yorkshire and the Humber	17	83	529
East Midlands	19	81	469
West Midlands	16	84	581
East of England	16	84	544
London	12	88	1,064
South East	15	85	787
South West	19	81	441
Wales	21	79	266
Scotland	16	84	402
Northern Ireland	11	89	271
Total	17	83	6,282

Row percentages

Table 13 Whether father lived with both parents from birth to age 16, by whether has non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Total
Whether lived with both parents from birth to age 16	%	%	%
Yes	69	79	78
No	31	21	22
Unweighted base	1,053	5,228	6,281

Column percentages

Table 14 Number of marriages and cohabitations lasting at least 6 months, by whether has non-resident child

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Total
Number of marriages and cohabitations	%	%	%
None	7	+	1
1	32	73	66
2	36	19	22
3	15	5	7
4 or more	11	2	3
<i>Unweighted base</i>	1,053	5,229	6,282

Column percentages

Table 15 Number of children ever fathered biologically or been step or adoptive father to, by whether has a non-resident children

Base: All fathers with dependent age children

	Whether has non-resident children under 16		
	Yes	No	Total
Number of children	%	%	%
1	26	25	25
2	31	41	40
3	18	20	20
4	13	8	9
5 or more	12	5	6
<i>Unweighted base</i>	1,044	5,222	6,266

Column percentages

Table 16 Logistic regression model for having non-resident children

Base: All fathers who have dependent age children [N=6,513]

	Odds ratio	S.E
Age of father [baseline=16-24 years old]		
25-34 years old	0.69	0.15
35-44 years old	0.72	0.16
45+ years old	0.63	0.14
Highest qualification [baseline=degree or above]		
A-level	**1.38	0.21
GCSE/other	***1.47	0.16
None	***1.74	0.21
Working status [baseline=in paid work]		
Not in paid work	***3.09	0.67
NSSEC [baseline=management/professional]		
Intermediate	1.19	0.15
Routine	***1.52	0.17
Unknown	1.01	0.23
Ethnic group of father [baseline=White British]		
Asian	***0.39	0.07
Black	**1.46	0.20
Other	0.90	0.13
Tenure [baseline=owns own home/mortgage]		
Social rent	***1.66	0.18
Private rent	***2.36	0.26
Other	***3.16	0.77
Whether lived with own parents from birth to 16 [baseline=Yes]		
No	1.15	0.10
Number of marriages and cohabitations of at least 6 months [baseline=less than three]		
Three or more	***3.84	0.40

Statistical significance is indicated by *** <0.1% **<1% *<5%

Table 17 Contact with non-resident children, by whether living with dependent children

Base: All fathers with non-resident children under 16 years old

	Non-resident children only	Resident and non-resident children	Total
How often visits, sees or contacts non-resident children	%	%	%
Never	10	21	13
A few times a year	11	10	11
Once a month or less	5	4	4
Several times a month	11	17	13
About once a week	22	19	21
Several times a week	25	17	23
Almost everyday	14	8	12
Shared care (50/50)	2	3	3
<i>Unweighted base</i>	<i>759</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>1,050</i>

Column percentages

Table 18 Weekend or holiday stays with non-resident children

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	Non-resident children only	Resident and non-resident children	Total
Whether non-resident children stay with father regularly	%	%	%
Stay on a regular basis	52	39	49
Stay on an irregular basis	14	14	14
In contact but do not stay over	24	25	24
No contact	10	21	13
<i>Unweighted base</i>	<i>759</i>	<i>290</i>	<i>1,049</i>

Column percentages

Table 19 Weekend or holiday stays with non-resident child, by number of bedrooms in household

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	0 or 1	2	3+	Total
Whether non-resident children stay with father regularly	%	%	%	%
Stay on a regular basis	34	48	51	49
Stay on an irregular basis	15	15	13	14
In contact but do not stay over	31	24	23	24
No contact	21	13	12	13
<i>Unweighted base</i>	156	314	578	1,049

Column percentages

Table 20 Contact and financial support

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	Provides money for child support	Does not provide money for child support	<i>Unweighted base</i>
How often non-resident father visits, sees or contacts child	%	%	N
Never	29	71	134
A few times a year	64	36	116
Once a month or less	[71]	[29]	49
Several times a month	72	28	130
About once a week	76	24	212
Several times a week	83	17	232
Almost everyday	65	35	138
Shared care (50/50)	[63]	[37]	26
Total	68	32	1,040

Row percentages

Table 21 Whether non-resident father provides money for child support

<i>Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old</i>	
Whether provides money for children support	%
Yes	68
No	32
<i>Unweighted base</i>	<i>1,040</i>

Table 22 Resident children, by current contact with non-resident children

<i>Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old</i>			
	Whether any contact with non-resident child		
	No or rare contact	Contact	Total
Whether has any resident dependent children	%	%	%
Yes	38	26	29
No	62	74	71
<i>Unweighted base</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>795</i>	<i>1,050</i>

Column percentage

Table 23 Distance father lives from non-resident children, by current contact with non-resident children

<i>Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old</i>			
	Whether any contact with non-resident child		
	No or rare contact	Contact	Total
Distance lived from non-resident children	%	%	%
Half an hour or less	30	68	59
More than half an hour	70	32	41
<i>Unweighted base</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>795</i>	<i>1,050</i>

Column percentage

Table 24 Age group, by current contact with non-resident children

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	Whether any contact with non-resident child		
	No or rare contact	Contact	Unweighted base
Age group	%	%	N
16 to 24	24	76	50
25 to 34	25	75	237
35 to 44	27	73	452
45+	20	80	311
Total	24	76	1,050

Row percentage

Table 25 Father's marital status, by current contact with non-resident children

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	Whether any contact with non-resident child		
	No or rare contact	Contact	At least weekly
Marital status	%	%	%
Married/Civil partnership	34	25	27
Living as couple	33	25	27
Widowed/survivor	0	1	1
Divorced	8	14	12
Separated	6	9	8
Never married	20	27	25
<i>Unweighted base</i>	255	794	1,049

Column percentage

Table 26 Father's highest educational attainment, by current contact with non-resident children

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	Whether any contact with non-resident child		
	No or rare contact	Contact	Total
Educational attainment	%	%	%
Degree or higher	22	22	22
A-Level	6	9	8
GCSE/Other	37	46	44
None	34	23	25
<i>Unweighted base</i>	255	795	1,050

Column percentage

Table 27 Father's working status, by current contact with non-resident children

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	Whether any contact with non-resident child		
	No or rare contact	Contact	Total
Working status	%	%	%
Works full-time	53	68	64
Works part-time	5	6	6
Unemployed	23	15	17
Economically inactive	19	12	13
<i>Unweighted base</i>	253	784	1,037

Column percentage

Table 28 Father's NSSEC, by current contact with non-resident children

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	Whether any contact with non-resident child		
	No or rare contact	Contact	Total
NSSEC	%	%	%
Management/Professional	14	29	25
Intermediate	10	15	14
Routine	34	31	32
Unknown	41	25	29
<i>Unweighted base</i>	255	795	1,050

Column percentage

Table 29 Father's ethnic group, by current contact with non-resident children

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	Whether any contact with non-resident child		
	No or rare contact	Contact	Total
Ethnic group	%	%	%
White British	76	88	85
White other	10	3	5
Indian	2	1	1
Pakistani	1	1	1
Bangladeshi	+	+	+
Caribbean	2	2	2
African	3	2	2
Mixed	1	1	1
Other	4	2	2
<i>Unweighted base</i>	255	793	1,048

Column percentage

Table 30 Father's tenure, by current contact with non-resident children

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	Whether any contact with non-resident child		
	No or rare contact	Contact	Total
Tenure	%	%	%
Own outright or with mortgage	32	54	49
Social rent	33	21	24
Private rent	33	22	25
Other	2	3	2
<i>Unweighted base</i>	255	795	1,050

Column percentage

Table 31 Closeness of relationship between father and non-resident children, by contact

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	No contact	Less than weekly contact	At least weekly contact	Total
Closeness of relationship	%	%	%	%
Very close	6	48	79	61
Quite close	5	29	19	20
Not very close	13	18	2	8
Not close at all	76	5	+	11
<i>Unweighted base</i>	133	297	614	1,045

Table 32 Closeness of relationship between father and non-resident children, by other dependent children

Base: All fathers with a non-resident children under 16 years old

	Non-resident children only	Resident and non-resident children	Total
Closeness of relationship	%	%	%
Very close	68	42	61
Quite close	17	27	20
Not very close	5	15	8
Not close at all	9	16	11
<i>Unweighted base</i>	<i>755</i>	<i>290</i>	<i>1,045</i>