

Funeral Costs in England, Scotland and Wales

The table below shows the average funeral cost in each of the 9 regions used in the research.

The average cost is weighted 82% the average cremation cost, 18% the average burial cost, as that is the ratio of cremations to burials in the UK, according to data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Region	Average traditional funeral cost	Average burial cost	Average cremation cost	Funeral director's fee	Percentage of total cost made up of the funeral director's fee
Scotland	£4,454	£5,698	£4,181	£2,593	58%
North East England	£4,215	£5,092	£4,023	£2,385	57%
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Yorkshire & Humberside	£4,526	£6,092	£4,182	£2,441	54%
East & West Midlands	£4,719	£6,660	£4,293	£2,598	55%
South East & East of England	£4,746	£6,317	£4,401	£2,630	55%
Wales	£4,136	£5,270	£3,887	£2,370	57%
South West England	£4,351	£5,223	£4,159	£2,341	54%
London	£5,710	£9,050	£4,976	£3,146	55%
Average	£4,562	£6,065	£4,232	£2,544	56%

The table also shows the average fee charged by the funeral director in each region, and how much of the total cost that makes up.

On average, over half (56%) of the total cost is made up by the funeral director's fee. For a cremation funeral – which are the majority of funerals in the UK – the percentage is even higher; the funeral director's charge is 60% of the total cost.

Average cost of a traditional funeral in Britain

£4,562

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