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.

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	£4,743	£6,250	£4,412	£2,719	57%
North East England	£4,306	£5,217	£4,106	£2,404	56%
North West England	£4,304	£5,327	£4,080	£2,430	57%
Yorkshire & Humberside	£4,670	£6,271	£4,315	£2,509	54%
East & West Midlands	£4,821	£6,825	£4,382	£2,624	54%
South East & East of England	£5,033	£7,113	£4,576	£2,736	54%
Wales	£4,362	£5,535	£4,104	£2,473	57%
South West England	£4,566	£5,494	£4,362	£2,454	54%
London	£5,963	£9,472	£5,192	£3,327	56%
Average	**£4,752**	**£6,389**	**£4,392**	**£2,631**	**55%**

The average cost is weighted 82% the average cremation cost, 18% the average burial cost, as that is the ratio of cremations to burials across England, Scotland and Wales, according to data from The Cremation Society.

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 (55%) 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

£4,752

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