## REAL LIFE.

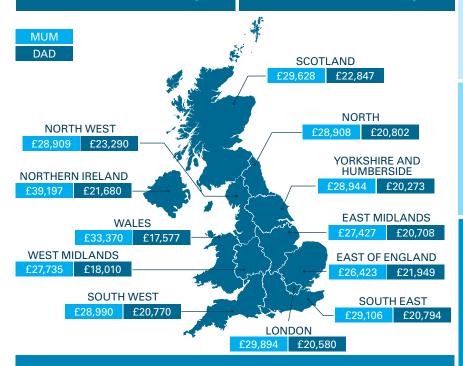
While you can't put a price emotionally on the value of a parent, you can on the work undertaken daily. Our 2015 research shows the value of the unpaid work of parents, the real costs of raising a family and just how prepared parents are financially should the worst happen.



## **VALUE OF A PARENT BY COUNTRY/REGION**

MUM'S UK AVERAGE £29,535

DAD'S UK AVERAGE £21,601



**REALITY VS PERCEPTION.** Parents massively undervalue the unpaid work they do. The perceived national average of a Mum's value is £16,796 and for Dad's it's £16,120.

## **INSURANCE PRODUCTS THAT** PARENTS HAVE IN PLACE.

53% Life Insurance 28% Critical Illness Cover 19% Income Protection 13% Family Income Benefit

54%

Parents are open to the idea of using a financial adviser or already use one.

Mum's partners perceive that they only spend 8.5 hours a week on chores and child care.

Interestingly, Dad's partners perceive they spend 12 hours per week on chores and childcare.

Parents estimate that the cost of raising a child until the age of 18 is

£123,365

their children.

When in fact the actual cost is £184,392

Parents spend an average of £2,430 each year on regular activities, pocket money, entertainment and treats for



Parents don't expect their children to leave home until they're 22, which is the same age they believe they will be financially independent.

20% of parents feel they are not very, or at all, in control of their finances.

When in fact the actual time Mums spend on these tasks is 65.5 hours per week!

The actual time Dads spend on these tasks is 47.5 hours per week.



of parents said they think the government should be responsible for looking after them financially if they or their partner died or were unable to work due to a critical/terminal illness or long-term sickness.

The weekly cost of raising a child



THE COST OF CHILDCARE **CARRIED OUT BY PARENTS EACH WEEK** 

> £248 - MUMS £169 - DADS

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