

SUMMARY OF CREMATION STATISTICS

The Federation would like to put on record its thanks to the Cremation Society of Great Britain for producing the following important statistics on behalf of the UK cremation sector.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
<u>Deaths</u>						
England/Wales	504,678	532,802	525,048	533,253	541,627	*
Scotland	54,467	57,790	56,728	57,883	58,503	*
N Ireland	14,759	15,624	15,430	16,036	15,923	*
Total Deaths	573,904	606,216	597,206	607,172	616,053	*
<u>Cremations</u>						
England/Wales	390,494	421,150	417,619	425,851	437,628	
Scotland	35,746	38,547	38,553	39,226	40,601	
N Ireland	3,014	3,219	3,521	3,372	3,483	
Total Cremations	429,254	462,916	459,693	467,748	481,712	
<u>Percentage of deaths</u>						
England/Wales	77.37	79.04	79.54	79.86	80.80	*
Scotland	65.63	66.70	67.96	68.20	69.40	*
N Ireland	20.42	20.60	22.82	21.03	21.87	*
UK Total	74.80	76.36	76.97	77.19	78.19	*

*Provisional figures at 7th June 2019

Total figures for the years 2014 to 2018 supplied by the Office for National Statistics with provisional figures for the year 2018 calculated on the basis of information available on the 7th June 2019.

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the General Register of Scotland and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.

In addition to the above statistics, respondents reported carrying out 8,436 separate cremations of pre 24-week fetal remains in the year 2018 and 2,808 shared fetal cremations involving 47,898 fetal remains.

Disposition of cremated remains

The figures received with respect of the disposition of cremated remains are as follows:

	2017	2018
Strewn in crematoria grounds	16.94%	15.99%
Interred in crematoria grounds	5.01%	4.66%
Placed above ground at crematoria	0.25%	0.28%
Removed from crematoria	76.76%	77.78%
No collectable cremated remains obtained	0.01%	0.01%
Retained pending instructions	<u>1.03%</u>	<u>1.28%</u>
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

The data indicates a continue trend away from scattering or interring cremated remains at the crematorium. With clear growth in removing cremated remains from the crematorium for disposal elsewhere and slight increase in above ground interring at the crematorium.