

THE COST OF DYING REPORT

The 'Cost of Dying' in the UK has hit a record high, according to Sun Life

Over the last 21 years, funeral costs have risen 134%

20% of funerals are now no-frills direct cremations



AVERAGE FUNERAL COSTS

There has been a 1.4% jump in the total 'cost of dying', up to £9,797

Simple attended funerals are now £4,285, a 4.5% increase on 2023

The cost of a basic cremation is £1,597, up nearly 7% on last year



GEOGRAPHICAL DIFFERENCES

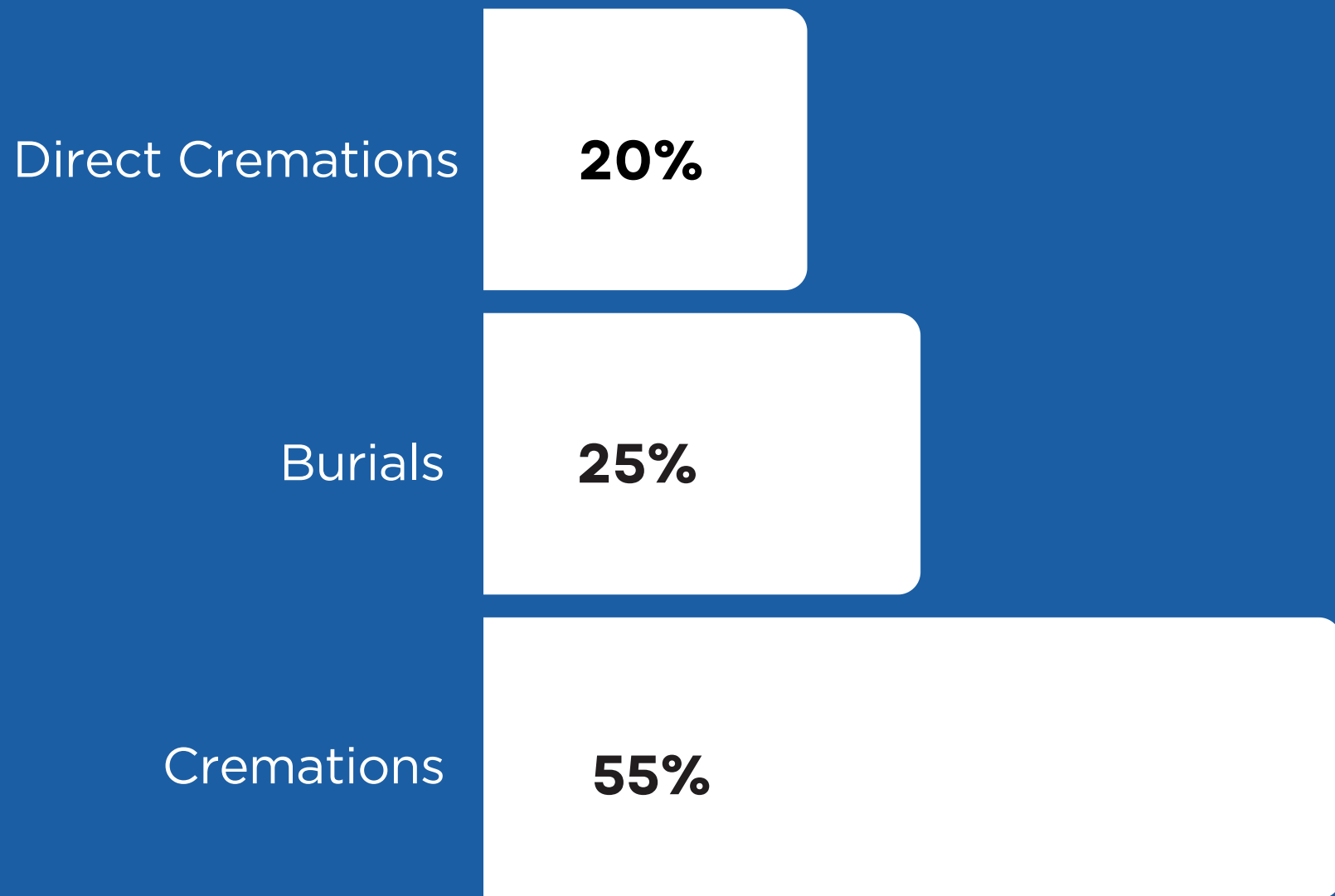
Most affordable funerals in the UK are in Northern Ireland with an average cost of £3,441

London was the most expensive basic funeral UK location - an average of £5,449

The biggest increase was seen in North West England at 13%



FUNERAL CHOICES



PROFESSIONAL COSTS

The average professional fees charged in 2024 were £2,652

When compared to last year, this represents a 3.5% reduction

Fees had previously risen sharply – 6.6% in 2023 and 10.9% in 2022



PAYING FOR FUNERALS

68% had made provisions for their funerals, with methods including:

- 28% Pre-paid funeral plans
- 25% Savings and investments
- 9% via Life Insurance policy

Overall, 18% of families faced significant financial challenges, with an average shortfall of £2,371



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