**INDICATOR**
Percent of children who experienced the death of one or more parent or guardian.

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**DESCRIPTION**
This is a proxy measure for toxic stress and is included as an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE). This question asks parents, “Did [child’s name] ever live with a parent or guardian who died?”

**IMPORTANCE**
Death of a parent or caregiver was not in the original list of ACEs, but has been included in the National Survey of Children’s Health (NSCH) because of its impact on a child’s psychological well-being, both short- and long-term (Nickerson, 2011).

**LIMITATIONS**
- This metric does not account for the death of non-parent caregivers or siblings, nor a parent who lived outside the home. This metric also does not include the death of a parent who the child did not live with, even if they had a relationship with them.

**ADDITIONAL ANALYSES**

| Race/Ethnicity | Data not available. |

**National Analyses**

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**SOURCE**