## The fatherhood report 2010-11 The fairness in families index

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## Excerpts from the report:

How good are we at creating an environment in which hands-on fathering can flourish? This report introduces the Fairness in Families Index -- the first attempt (not just in the UK, but anywhere in the world) to find out.

The index pulls together a broad range of indicators giving an insight into how fathers and mothers are sharing their parenting in 21 upper income countries -- and the contexts in which they make their choices.

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The Fairness in Families Index captures countries' attempts to establish frameworks which suit modern day family aspirations. Some have set out early and with a specific agenda. Sweden, top of the table, is committed to shared parenting, not just because of what parents want but also because it has a belief that shared parenting is good for children and relationships, coupled with a strong

vision of gender equality. Other countries seem to be more in the mould of responding to what people appear to want, while some continue -- intentionally or not -- to deliver

policies suited to traditional models of family life.

## List of indicators used:

- Gender equality in parental leave
- Gender pay gap
- Men's percentage share of the part-time workforce
- Proportion of women sitting in parliaments
- Women in management positions
- Percentage of children living in lone parent households
- Percentage of GDP spent on childcare and education for the under-fives
- Men's and women's time spent on childcare
- Men's and women's time spent on unpaid work
- Maximum full-time equivalent paid leave for fathers

[Canada ranked 15 of 21 wealthy countries in the study.]

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