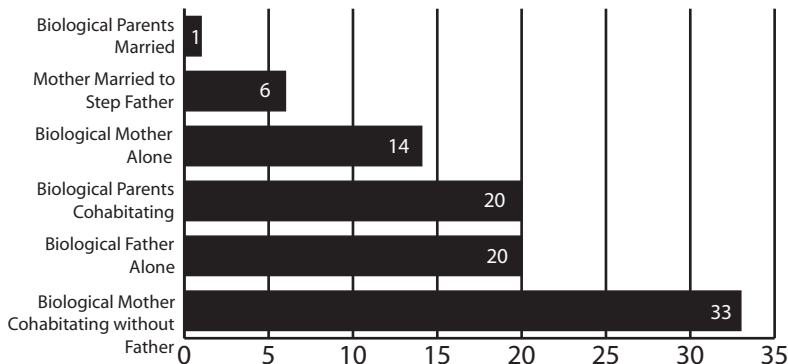


Likelihood of Serious Abuse of Children According to Family Structure (UK 1988/1993)



Commentary: The rate of serious abuse in intact biological families was set as '1'. The other figures state how much higher the rate is for other family structures. E.g. children living with single fathers are 20 times more likely to experience serious abuse.

Data source: Criminal statistics of Great Britain; Research on actual cases of abuse 1982-1988 and 1993.

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