

Gransnet Wedding Survey

Survey of 1,253 Gransnet users who have at least one child or step-child who has married, between 22nd March and 9th May 2019.
The data is not weighted.

Have you been involved in a family row involving your child's wedding?										
	Total	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?			Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
		No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
Yes	14 %	13 %	14 %	13 %	100 %	0 %	14 %	14 %	33 %	11 %
No	86 %	87 %	86 %	88 %	0 %	100 %	86 %	86 %	67 %	89 %
What was your role in the wedding?										
	Total	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?			Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
		No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
Other (please specify)	2 %	5 %	1 %	3 %	1 %	2 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	1 %
The mother of the bride	55 %	41 %	58 %	46 %	57 %	55 %	100 %	0 %	46 %	56 %
The mother of the groom	38 %	48 %	36 %	44 %	39 %	38 %	0 %	100 %	46 %	37 %
The father of the bride	2 %	0 %	2 %	4 %	1 %	2 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	2 %
The father of the groom	1 %	1 %	1 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	1 %

If you've experienced a wedding-related family row, which factors contributed? Please tick all that apply.

	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?				Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
	Total	No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
I/we weren't on the top table	3 %	4 %	3 %	0 %	3 %	0 %	3 %	1 %	2 %	3 %
They didn't let me/us help with the seating plan	10 %	8 %	10 %	11 %	10 %	0 %	7 %	13 %	10 %	9 %
They didn't let me/us select some of the guests	20 %	12 %	23 %	0 %	20 %	0 %	11 %	34 %	22 %	19 %
They wanted me/us to contribute more (financially) to the wedding than we were comfortable with	11 %	4 %	12 %	11 %	11 %	0 %	9 %	13 %	18 %	8 %
I/we wanted to be more involved in the wedding	17 %	15 %	18 %	11 %	17 %	0 %	9 %	28 %	20 %	15 %

They wanted me/us to be more involved in the wedding	1 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	0 %	2 %
They spent too much on pre-celebrations (hen dos/stag dos)	2 %	0 %	2 %	0 %	2 %	0 %	2 %	1 %	2 %	2 %
I/we weren't invited to the pre-celebrations (hen do/stag dos)	5 %	8 %	4 %	11 %	5 %	0 %	2 %	10 %	10 %	3 %
They didn't approve of my/our outfit(s)	2 %	0 %	2 %	0 %	2 %	0 %	1 %	3 %	2 %	2 %
I/we didn't approve of the bride's dress	1 %	4 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	2 %	0 %
They refused to have children at the wedding	4 %	4 %	4 %	0 %	4 %	0 %	4 %	4 %	4 %	4 %
They asked for money instead of presents	3 %	0 %	4 %	0 %	3 %	0 %	3 %	4 %	4 %	3 %
They chose to have an overseas wedding	10 %	15 %	9 %	0 %	10 %	0 %	8 %	10 %	12 %	9 %

We disagreed about catering	5 %	8 %	4 %	11 %	5 %	0 %	4 %	7 %	8 %	4 %
The wedding was too cheap	2 %	4 %	1 %	0 %	2 %	0 %	1 %	3 %	2 %	2 %
The wedding was too expensive	10 %	4 %	11 %	11 %	10 %	0 %	7 %	12 %	12 %	9 %
They would not invite my new partner	1 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	1 %
Other (please specify)	57 %	73 %	53 %	78 %	57 %	0 %	65 %	50 %	59 %	56 %

And, if you've experienced a wedding-related family row, which factor was the most significant cause of the rift?

	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?				Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
	Total	No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
Other (please specify)	46 %	54 %	44 %	56 %	46 %	0 %	59 %	31 %	45 %	47 %
I/we weren't on the top table	2 %	4 %	1 %	0 %	2 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	4 %	1 %
They didn't let me/us help with the seating plan	2 %	0 %	2 %	0 %	2 %	0 %	2 %	1 %	0 %	2 %
They didn't let me/us select some of the guests	12 %	12 %	13 %	0 %	12 %	0 %	5 %	22 %	12 %	12 %

They wanted me/us to contribute more (financially or in kind) to the wedding than we were comfortable with	6 %	0 %	6 %	11 %	6 %	0 %	6 %	6 %	4 %	7 %
I/we wanted to be more involved in the wedding	11 %	12 %	10 %	22 %	11 %	0 %	7 %	16 %	16 %	8 %
They wanted me/us to be more involved in the wedding	1 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	0 %	2 %
They spent too much on pre-celebrations (hen dos/stag dos)	1 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	1 %
I/we weren't invited to the pre-celebrations (hen do/stag dos)	1 %	4 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	2 %	0 %
They didn't approve of my/our outfit(s)	1 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	1 %	0 %	1 %	1 %	0 %	2 %

If you've experienced a wedding-related family row, what would have/did resolve the rift?										
	Total	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?			Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
		No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
The wedding not going ahead										
Did resolve the rift	13 %	15 %	13 %	11 %	13 %	0 %	12 %	13 %	8 %	15 %
Would have or still could resolve	17 %	8 %	19 %	11 %	17 %	0 %	16 %	16 %	31 %	10 %
Did not resolve/would not resolve	70 %	77 %	68 %	78 %	70 %	0 %	72 %	71 %	61 %	75 %
The bride apologising										
Did resolve the rift	13 %	4 %	14 %	22 %	13 %	0 %	15 %	12 %	6 %	17 %
Would have or still could resolve	26 %	19 %	27 %	33 %	26 %	0 %	19 %	35 %	43 %	20 %
Did not resolve/would not resolve	61 %	77 %	59 %	44 %	61 %	0 %	66 %	53 %	51 %	64 %
The groom apologising										
Did resolve the rift	12 %	4 %	13 %	22 %	12 %	0 %	10 %	16 %	10 %	13 %
Would have or still could resolve	21 %	12 %	23 %	22 %	21 %	0 %	17 %	24 %	31 %	17 %
Did not resolve/would not resolve	67 %	85 %	64 %	56 %	67 %	0 %	73 %	60 %	59 %	69 %

What is your relationship with your daughter-in-law/son-in-law like? On a scale of 1-10, where 1 = very poor and 10 = excellent

	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?				Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
	Total	No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
1 - Very poor	3 %	5 %	3 %	6 %	11 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	28 %	0 %
2	1 %	1 %	1 %	0 %	2 %	0 %	0 %	1 %	5 %	0 %
3	2 %	4 %	1 %	0 %	5 %	1 %	1 %	2 %	13 %	0 %
4	2 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	3 %	1 %	1 %	2 %	14 %	0 %
5	5 %	5 %	5 %	1 %	7 %	4 %	5 %	5 %	40 %	0 %
6	4 %	7 %	3 %	0 %	7 %	3 %	3 %	5 %	0 %	4 %
7	7 %	8 %	6 %	10 %	9 %	7 %	6 %	7 %	0 %	8 %
8	17 %	14 %	18 %	10 %	13 %	17 %	17 %	16 %	0 %	19 %
9	20 %	17 %	20 %	21 %	11 %	21 %	20 %	20 %	0 %	23 %
10 - Excellent	40 %	35 %	40 %	49 %	30 %	41 %	42 %	37 %	0 %	46 %
N/A	1 %	2 %	1 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	2 %	1 %	0 %	0 %
Net: positive (7-10)	83 %	75 %	84 %	89 %	62 %	86 %	85 %	80 %	0 %	96 %
Net: negative (1-4)	7 %	12 %	6 %	7 %	22 %	5 %	6 %	9 %	60 %	0 %

Have you felt excluded from the wedding or wedding preparations of your child?

	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?				Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
	Total	No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
Yes	24 %	36 %	22 %	19 %	51 %	20 %	19 %	31 %	55 %	20 %
No	76 %	64 %	78 %	81 %	49 %	80 %	81 %	69 %	45 %	80 %

If yes, when did you feel excluded?										
	Total	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?			Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
		No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
Before the engagement	3 %	3 %	3 %	7 %	3 %	3 %	1 %	3 %	3 %	3 %
In the run up to the wedding	52 %	39 %	57 %	36 %	36 %	58 %	57 %	51 %	37 %	58 %
The whole time	28 %	26 %	28 %	36 %	46 %	21 %	26 %	32 %	43 %	21 %
On the wedding day	9 %	13 %	8 %	14 %	8 %	10 %	11 %	8 %	5 %	11 %
Other (please specify)	7 %	19 %	4 %	7 %	7 %	8 %	5 %	5 %	10 %	6 %
Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?										
	Total	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?			Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
		No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
[0] No	16 %	100 %	0 %	0 %	15 %	16 %	12 %	20 %	21 %	15 %
[500] Yes, less than £1,000	18 %	0 %	22 %	0 %	17 %	18 %	16 %	22 %	23 %	17 %

Thinking about weddings generally: do you think parents should have a say in the guestlist?

	Total	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?			Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
		No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
Net: yes	41 %	31 %	44 %	36 %	59 %	39 %	45 %	38 %	47 %	41 %
Yes, always	16 %	10 %	17 %	13 %	21 %	15 %	17 %	15 %	21 %	15 %
Yes, but only if they are contributing financially	26 %	21 %	27 %	24 %	39 %	24 %	29 %	23 %	26 %	26 %
No	43 %	55 %	40 %	47 %	28 %	45 %	40 %	45 %	36 %	44 %
Don't know/ not sure	15 %	14 %	16 %	17 %	13 %	16 %	15 %	17 %	17 %	15 %

What do you think of overseas weddings? Please tick all that apply

	Total	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?			Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
		No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
They're inconsiderate of the wider family	35 %	33 %	36 %	26 %	38 %	34 %	36 %	35 %	40 %	34 %
They're unnecessarily expensive	28 %	27 %	28 %	29 %	27 %	28 %	29 %	29 %	34 %	27 %
They're tasteless	5 %	3 %	5 %	3 %	7 %	5 %	5 %	4 %	6 %	5 %

They're a great idea	14 %	9 %	15 %	11 %	19 %	13 %	14 %	13 %	14 %	14 %
They're glamorous	3 %	4 %	3 %	1 %	7 %	3 %	4 %	2 %	3 %	3 %
They're a chance to merge a holiday with a wedding	30 %	29 %	30 %	29 %	29 %	30 %	29 %	31 %	30 %	30 %
They're a good way to spend more time with close friends and family	13 %	10 %	15 %	8 %	15 %	13 %	13 %	13 %	15 %	13 %
They're a good excuse to visit somewhere new	12 %	12 %	12 %	17 %	15 %	11 %	12 %	11 %	14 %	12 %
They're understandable if the bride or groom is from that country	37 %	30 %	39 %	33 %	34 %	37 %	39 %	36 %	31 %	38 %
They're a good way to see how weddings are performed in other countries or cultures	4 %	8 %	3 %	4 %	4 %	4 %	3 %	4 %	3 %	4 %
Other (please specify)	9 %	11 %	8 %	11 %	13 %	8 %	8 %	11 %	3 %	9 %

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about bridal couples asking for cash gifts?										
	Total	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?			Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
		No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
It's sensible										
Net: agree	64 %	64 %	65 %	54 %	66 %	64 %	62 %	68 %	59 %	65 %
Net: disagree	14 %	14 %	13 %	21 %	18 %	13 %	15 %	12 %	18 %	13 %
Strongly agree	25 %	20 %	25 %	35 %	30 %	24 %	23 %	28 %	18 %	26 %
Somewhat agree	39 %	44 %	40 %	19 %	37 %	40 %	39 %	40 %	41 %	39 %
Neither agree nor disagree	22 %	22 %	22 %	25 %	16 %	23 %	23 %	19 %	23 %	22 %
Somewhat disagree	9 %	8 %	9 %	10 %	13 %	8 %	9 %	10 %	11 %	9 %
Strongly disagree	5 %	6 %	4 %	11 %	5 %	5 %	6 %	3 %	7 %	5 %
It's tasteless										
Net: agree	30 %	33 %	30 %	35 %	37 %	29 %	31 %	30 %	38 %	29 %
Net: disagree	43 %	36 %	44 %	42 %	41 %	43 %	43 %	43 %	35 %	44 %
Strongly agree	11 %	16 %	10 %	15 %	15 %	11 %	12 %	10 %	16 %	10 %
Somewhat agree	19 %	17 %	20 %	19 %	22 %	19 %	19 %	20 %	22 %	19 %
Neither agree nor disagree	27 %	31 %	26 %	24 %	22 %	28 %	27 %	27 %	27 %	27 %
Somewhat disagree	21 %	14 %	23 %	15 %	17 %	22 %	22 %	19 %	19 %	21 %

Strongly disagree	22 %	22 %	21 %	26 %	24 %	21 %	21 %	24 %	15 %	23 %
It's boring										
Net: agree	30 %	28 %	30 %	28 %	34 %	29 %	29 %	31 %	35 %	29 %
Net: disagree	36 %	34 %	35 %	43 %	34 %	36 %	35 %	37 %	29 %	37 %
Strongly agree	7 %	8 %	7 %	8 %	11 %	6 %	8 %	7 %	8 %	7 %
Somewhat agree	23 %	20 %	23 %	19 %	22 %	23 %	21 %	24 %	28 %	22 %
Neither agree nor disagree	35 %	38 %	35 %	29 %	33 %	35 %	36 %	33 %	35 %	34 %
Somewhat disagree	17 %	14 %	18 %	19 %	14 %	18 %	17 %	18 %	17 %	17 %
Strongly disagree	18 %	20 %	18 %	24 %	20 %	18 %	18 %	19 %	12 %	19 %
It's convenient for guests										
Net: agree	68 %	64 %	68 %	68 %	66 %	68 %	67 %	69 %	64 %	69 %
Net: disagree	11 %	12 %	11 %	11 %	13 %	11 %	11 %	11 %	15 %	11 %
Strongly agree	23 %	18 %	23 %	28 %	25 %	22 %	21 %	25 %	18 %	23 %
Somewhat agree	45 %	45 %	45 %	40 %	41 %	46 %	46 %	44 %	46 %	46 %
Neither agree nor disagree	21 %	24 %	21 %	21 %	21 %	21 %	21 %	21 %	21 %	21 %
Somewhat disagree	7 %	7 %	7 %	4 %	9 %	7 %	7 %	8 %	10 %	7 %
Strongly disagree	4 %	5 %	4 %	7 %	4 %	4 %	5 %	3 %	5 %	4 %
It's cheeky										
Net: agree	37 %	40 %	37 %	36 %	44 %	36 %	39 %	35 %	45 %	36 %
Net: disagree	37 %	30 %	38 %	38 %	35 %	37 %	36 %	39 %	32 %	38 %
Strongly agree	13 %	18 %	11 %	21 %	18 %	12 %	14 %	12 %	17 %	12 %
Somewhat agree	24 %	22 %	25 %	15 %	26 %	24 %	25 %	23 %	28 %	24 %

Neither agree nor disagree	26 %	30 %	25 %	26 %	21 %	27 %	26 %	26 %	23 %	26 %
Somewhat disagree	18 %	12 %	20 %	17 %	15 %	19 %	18 %	20 %	18 %	18 %
Strongly disagree	19 %	18 %	19 %	21 %	20 %	18 %	18 %	19 %	14 %	19 %

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about poems that ask for money included in wedding invitations?

	Total	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?			Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL	
		No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	Mother of the bride	Mother of the groom	Poor	Good
They are sweet										
Net: agree	12 %	14 %	12 %	11 %	18 %	11 %	11 %	13 %	12 %	12 %
Net: disagree	58 %	54 %	59 %	54 %	57 %	58 %	60 %	56 %	62 %	58 %
Strongly agree	2 %	3 %	2 %	3 %	5 %	2 %	3 %	2 %	1 %	3 %
Somewhat agree	10 %	12 %	9 %	8 %	13 %	9 %	8 %	12 %	11 %	10 %
Neither agree nor disagree	30 %	32 %	29 %	35 %	26 %	31 %	29 %	30 %	26 %	30 %
Somewhat disagree	29 %	25 %	30 %	25 %	22 %	30 %	28 %	31 %	30 %	29 %
Strongly disagree	29 %	29 %	29 %	29 %	34 %	28 %	32 %	26 %	32 %	29 %
They are tasteless										
Net: agree	52 %	49 %	53 %	44 %	54 %	52 %	52 %	52 %	59 %	52 %
Net: disagree	20 %	20 %	20 %	21 %	18 %	20 %	21 %	19 %	15 %	21 %
Strongly agree	27 %	29 %	26 %	25 %	38 %	25 %	28 %	25 %	32 %	26 %

Somewhat agree	26 %	21 %	27 %	19 %	15 %	27 %	25 %	27 %	26 %	26 %
Neither agree nor disagree	28 %	31 %	27 %	35 %	28 %	28 %	27 %	29 %	26 %	28 %
Somewhat disagree	11 %	13 %	11 %	13 %	10 %	12 %	12 %	12 %	8 %	12 %
Strongly disagree	9 %	7 %	9 %	8 %	9 %	9 %	9 %	8 %	7 %	9 %
They are cheeky										
Net: agree	50 %	48 %	51 %	44 %	53 %	50 %	51 %	49 %	59 %	50 %
Net: disagree	19 %	18 %	20 %	15 %	20 %	19 %	20 %	19 %	15 %	20 %
Strongly agree	23 %	26 %	22 %	24 %	34 %	21 %	24 %	21 %	32 %	22 %
Somewhat agree	28 %	22 %	29 %	21 %	19 %	29 %	27 %	28 %	27 %	28 %
Neither agree nor disagree	30 %	34 %	29 %	40 %	27 %	31 %	28 %	32 %	26 %	30 %
Somewhat disagree	12 %	12 %	12 %	4 %	9 %	12 %	12 %	12 %	8 %	12 %
Strongly disagree	8 %	6 %	8 %	11 %	11 %	7 %	9 %	7 %	6 %	8 %
They are cringeworthy										
Net: agree	61 %	60 %	61 %	61 %	60 %	61 %	61 %	59 %	65 %	60 %
Net: disagree	16 %	14 %	16 %	13 %	15 %	16 %	17 %	16 %	15 %	16 %
Strongly agree	31 %	32 %	31 %	33 %	40 %	30 %	32 %	29 %	35 %	31 %
Somewhat agree	29 %	27 %	30 %	28 %	20 %	31 %	29 %	30 %	29 %	29 %
Neither agree nor disagree	23 %	27 %	23 %	26 %	25 %	23 %	22 %	25 %	21 %	24 %
Somewhat disagree	8 %	8 %	9 %	6 %	8 %	9 %	9 %	9 %	8 %	9 %
Strongly disagree	7 %	6 %	8 %	7 %	7 %	7 %	8 %	7 %	6 %	7 %

They are creative											
Net: agree	21 %	24 %	20 %	25 %	24 %	21 %	20 %	23 %	21 %	21 %	
Net: disagree	43 %	35 %	45 %	40 %	43 %	44 %	46 %	40 %	50 %	43 %	
Strongly agree	4 %	6 %	3 %	6 %	9 %	3 %	3 %	4 %	4 %	4 %	
Somewhat agree	17 %	18 %	17 %	19 %	15 %	17 %	17 %	18 %	17 %	17 %	
Neither agree nor disagree	36 %	41 %	35 %	35 %	33 %	36 %	34 %	38 %	29 %	36 %	
Somewhat disagree	22 %	17 %	24 %	18 %	17 %	23 %	22 %	22 %	25 %	22 %	
Strongly disagree	21 %	19 %	21 %	22 %	26 %	20 %	24 %	18 %	25 %	21 %	

Generally, do you think people spend too much on their weddings, or not?											
	Total	Did you contribute financially to the wedding? If so, how much did you contribute?			Involvement in family row:		Role in wedding:		Relationship with SIL/DIL		
		No	Yes	Prefer not to say	Yes	No	The mother of the bride	The mother of the groom	Net: poor	Net: good	
Yes	76 %	75 %	77 %	65 %	76 %	76 %	77 %	74 %	77 %	76 %	
No	3 %	4 %	3 %	1 %	5 %	2 %	2 %	3 %	3 %	3 %	
Not my business	21 %	21 %	20 %	33 %	19 %	22 %	21 %	24 %	19 %	22 %	