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More than half the babies born to British mothers this year will have been born out of marriage, shocking new figures ha ve revealed.

The statistics are a result of the fact that marriage among Britons has slumped to its lowest levels since records began, according to new figures released by the Office of National Statistics (ONS).

The figures show a steady decline in the number of Britons begin married since the 19070s when fewer than one in 10 c hildren were born out of wedlock.

In the 1950s it was as low as just one in 20. ...

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