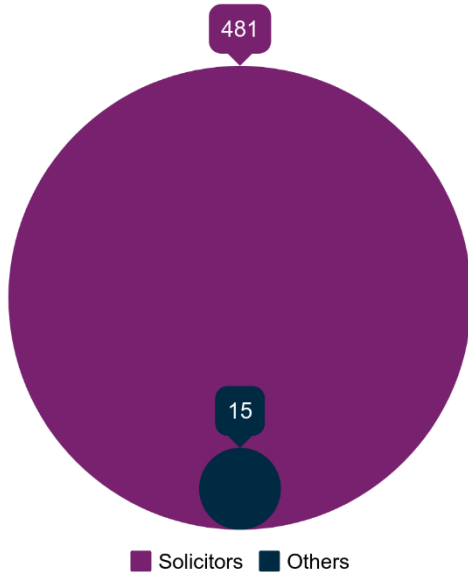
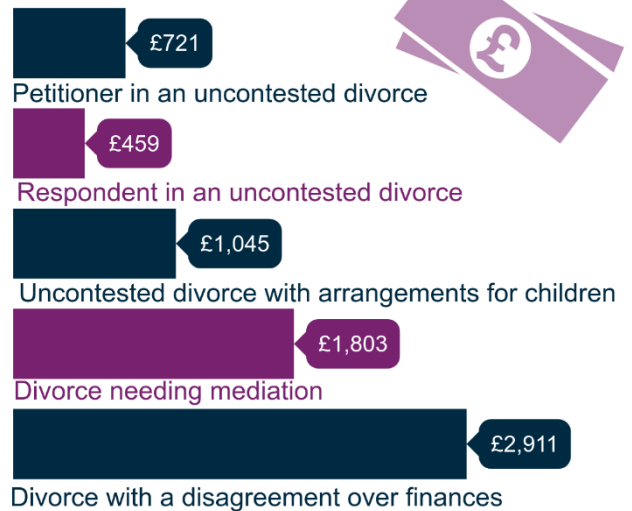


Our survey collected quotes for family law services from 496 law firms:



The quotes covered five different services. Mean average prices quoted were:



All quotes excluded disbursements and VAT.

Since 2015, average quoted prices have risen in three of the areas covered



Since 2015 the average quoted price for family has risen by **10% (£97)** for an uncontested divorce with arrangements for children, by **12% (£186)** for a divorce needing mediation, and by **16% (£409)** for a divorce with a disagreement over finances, allowing for inflation.

31% of firms had increased prices. Of these firms:

- 31% said it was because the cost of staff and overheads had increased.
- 23% said it was because their competitors had increased prices, so they had increased their prices accordingly.



Mean average quoted prices were lower:



- For fixed fees compared to estimates.
- For firms outside the South East.
- Except for a respondent to an uncontested divorce, for firms who provided information on add on options.
- For the petitioner in an uncontested divorce, a respondent to an uncontested divorce, and a divorce with disagreements over assets, firms who advertised their prices on their website.

There is evidence of large potential financial savings from shopping around

The difference between the highest and lowest 50% of prices was:



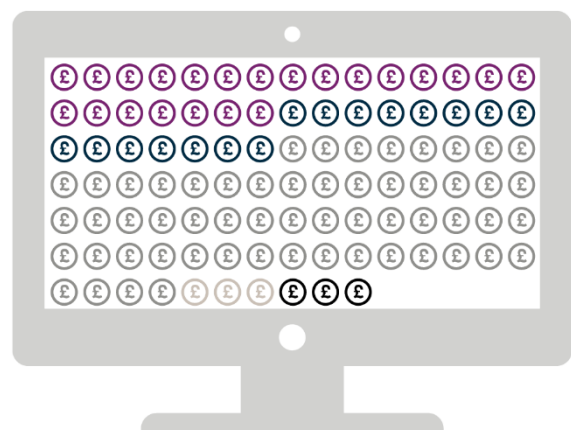
- £300 for a Petitioner in an uncontested divorce.
- £250 for a Respondent in an uncontested divorce.
- £600 for an uncontested divorce with arrangements for children.
- £1,150 for a divorce needing mediation.
- £1,905 for a divorce with a disagreement over finances.



These differences represent between 55% and 416% of UK citizens average weekly income.



Only 22% of firms advertise any prices for these services on their website



Although 15% of firms were planning to start to advertise prices 58% had no current plans to do so.

Further information is available in the main report of the LSBs analysis of prices:

<https://research.legalservicesboard.org.uk/news/latest-research-17/>