

Divorce Survey

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Table 1
Q.1 Have you ever divorced or separated from a partner who you lived with?
Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2018	1002	1016	220	276	353	363	337	469	764	529	253	472	289	746
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824
NET: Yes	585 29%	261 26%	325 32%	16 6%	60 19%	102 27%	123 36%	125 41%	159 38%	149 27%	163 28%	101 24%	173 37%	74 24%	212 26%
Yes, I have been divorced	430 21%	183 19%	247 24%	4 2%	18 5%	50 13%	96 28%	115 38%	148 35%	120 22%	119 20%	69 16%	122 26%	51 17%	140 17%
Yes, I have been separated	183 9%	97 10%	87 8%	13 5%	42 13%	53 14%	33 10%	23 8%	19 4%	40 7%	49 8%	35 8%	60 13%	26 8%	79 10%
No, I have been neither divorced nor separated	1423 71%	723 73%	700 68%	226 94%	262 81%	278 73%	217 63%	176 58%	264 62%	393 72%	421 72%	321 76%	287 62%	229 75%	608 74%
Refused	9 *	5 1%	4 *	- -	2 *	3 1%	3 1%	2 1%	- -	2 *	2 *	2 *	4 1%	3 1%	4 *

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Table 2

Q.1 Have you ever divorced or separated from a partner who you lived with?**Base: All respondents**

	Region											
	Total	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2018	178	90	232	177	193	165	76	185	218	303	201
Weighted base	2018	175	91	237	178	187	157	107	189	254	259	184
NET: Yes	585 29%	51 29%	36 40%	57 24%	58 33%	55 30%	51 32%	16 15%	64 34%	52 21%	75 29%	70 38%
Yes, I have been divorced	430 21%	29 16%	20 22%	41 17%	44 25%	39 21%	41 26%	11 11%	50 26%	34 14%	62 24%	58 32%
Yes, I have been separated	183 9%	25 14%	17 18%	20 8%	16 9%	19 10%	12 7%	7 6%	17 9%	20 8%	18 7%	15 8%
No, I have been neither divorced nor separated	1423 71%	123 70%	55 60%	180 76%	117 66%	129 69%	106 68%	91 85%	125 66%	199 78%	183 71%	115 62%
Refused	9 *	1 1%	- -	- -	3 1%	3 1%	- -	- -	* *	2 1%	1 *	- -

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Table 3
Q.1 Have you ever divorced or separated from a partner who you lived with?
Base: All respondents

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	2018	470	1276	1000	12	264	267	73	44	150	1498	505	186	199	200	124
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129
NET: Yes	585	70	319	218	3	97	195	20	41	134	431	152	47	63	65	40
	29%	14%	25%	23%	30%	32%	81%	31%	96%	100%	29%	29%	24%	28%	31%	31%
Yes, I have been divorced	430	9	261	189	3	69	159	18	7	134	348	81	16	25	37	28
	21%	2%	21%	20%	21%	23%	66%	28%	16%	99%	24%	15%	8%	11%	18%	21%
Yes, I have been separated	183	61	71	36	1	34	51	2	37	12	104	79	32	41	29	18
	9%	12%	6%	4%	8%	11%	21%	3%	88%	9%	7%	15%	16%	19%	14%	14%
No, I have been neither divorced nor separated	1423	425	950	737	8	204	46	45	2	-	1036	374	145	156	144	88
	71%	85%	75%	77%	70%	68%	19%	69%	4%	-	70%	71%	75%	70%	68%	68%
Refused	9	3	3	3	-	-	*	-	-	*	4	3	1	3	3	2
	*	1%	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	*	1%	*	1%	1%	1%

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Table 4

Q.3 Have you ever seriously considered divorcing or separating from your current spouse or partner?**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2018	1002	1016	220	276	353	363	337	469	764	529	253	472	289	746
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824
Yes, I have seriously considered divorcing or separating from my current spouse or partner	218 11%	96 10%	123 12%	20 8%	42 13%	51 13%	41 12%	30 10%	34 8%	51 9%	70 12%	54 13%	43 9%	45 15%	89 11%
No, I have neither seriously considered divorcing nor separating from my current spouse or partner	1115 55%	582 59%	533 52%	78 32%	165 51%	236 62%	186 54%	181 60%	269 64%	363 67%	282 48%	247 58%	223 48%	158 52%	463 56%
Not applicable - I don't currently have a partner	602 30%	272 28%	330 32%	135 56%	102 32%	79 21%	98 28%	83 28%	105 25%	115 21%	213 36%	98 23%	176 38%	89 29%	237 29%
Prefer not to say	54 3%	23 2%	31 3%	6 3%	6 2%	10 3%	14 4%	4 1%	13 3%	13 2%	11 2%	14 3%	15 3%	11 4%	22 3%
Don't know	29 1%	17 2%	12 1%	4 1%	8 2%	7 2%	5 1%	4 1%	2 *	2 *	10 2%	10 2%	7 2%	3 1%	14 2%

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Table 5
Q.3 Have you ever seriously considered divorcing or separating from your current spouse or partner?
Base: All respondents

	Region											
	Total	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2018	178	90	232	177	193	165	76	185	218	303	201
Weighted base	2018	175	91	237	178	187	157	107	189	254	259	184
Yes, I have seriously considered divorcing or separating from my current spouse or partner	218 11%	13 7%	17 19%	23 10%	22 12%	14 7%	10 7%	14 13%	22 12%	29 12%	27 11%	26 14%
No, I have neither seriously considered divorcing nor separating from my current spouse or partner	1115 55%	97 55%	45 49%	137 58%	107 60%	100 54%	97 62%	63 59%	113 60%	119 47%	139 54%	97 53%
Not applicable - I don't currently have a partner	602 30%	52 29%	27 30%	69 29%	41 23%	66 35%	41 26%	28 26%	43 23%	99 39%	82 32%	55 30%
Prefer not to say	54 3%	12 7%	- -	5 2%	4 2%	7 4%	4 2%	- -	4 2%	6 2%	7 3%	3 2%
Don't know	29 1%	1 1%	2 2%	3 1%	4 2%	- -	5 3%	2 2%	6 3%	1 *	3 1%	2 1%

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Table 6

Q.3 Have you ever seriously considered divorcing or separating from your current spouse or partner?

Base: All respondents

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	2018	470	1276	1000	12	264	267	73	44	150	1498	505	186	199	200	124
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129
Yes, I have seriously considered divorcing or separating from my current spouse or partner	218 11%	18 4%	186 15%	127 13%	2 13%	57 19%	15 6%	- -	12 29%	2 2%	132 9%	85 16%	36 18%	41 18%	34 16%	22 17%
No, I have neither seriously considered divorcing nor separating from my current spouse or partner	1115 55%	80 16%	1018 80%	788 82%	10 87%	220 73%	16 7%	2 3%	3 7%	11 8%	768 52%	342 65%	131 68%	139 63%	138 65%	81 62%
Not applicable - I don't currently have a partner	602 30%	389 78%	7 1%	- -	- -	7 2%	205 85%	63 97%	23 53%	120 89%	524 36%	72 14%	15 8%	30 13%	29 13%	19 15%
Prefer not to say	54 3%	5 1%	39 3%	28 3%	- -	11 4%	6 3%	- -	5 12%	1 1%	34 2%	16 3%	2 1%	8 4%	8 4%	5 4%
Don't know	29 1%	7 1%	22 2%	14 2%	- -	7 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	13 1%	15 3%	9 5%	5 2%	3 1%	2 2%

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Table 7

Q.3 Have you ever seriously considered divorcing or separating from your current spouse or partner?**Base: All respondents (Excluding those who don't currently have a partner)**

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	1414	727	687	93	196	276	254	244	351	592	334	198	290	211	527
Weighted base	1416	717	699	107	221	305	246	219	318	429	372	326	288	217	587
Yes, I have seriously considered divorcing or separating from my current spouse or partner	218 15%	96 13%	123 18%	20 19%	42 19%	51 17%	41 17%	30 14%	34 11%	51 12%	70 19%	54 17%	43 15%	45 21%	89 15%
No, I have neither seriously considered divorcing nor separating from my current spouse or partner	1115 79%	582 81%	533 76%	78 72%	165 75%	236 77%	186 76%	181 83%	269 85%	363 84%	282 76%	247 76%	223 77%	158 73%	463 79%
Prefer not to say	54 4%	23 3%	31 4%	6 6%	6 3%	10 3%	14 6%	4 2%	13 4%	13 3%	11 3%	14 4%	15 5%	11 5%	22 4%
Don't know	29 2%	17 2%	12 2%	4 3%	8 3%	7 2%	5 2%	4 2%	2 1%	2 *	10 3%	10 3%	7 2%	3 2%	14 2%

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Table 8

Q.3 Have you ever seriously considered divorcing or separating from your current spouse or partner?**Base: All respondents (Excluding those who don't currently have a partner)**

	Region											
	Total	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	1414	127	63	165	131	127	120	57	139	135	208	142
Weighted base	1416	124	64	168	137	121	116	79	146	155	177	129
Yes, I have seriously considered divorcing or separating from my current spouse or partner	218 15%	13 10%	17 27%	23 14%	22 16%	14 11%	10 9%	14 18%	22 15%	29 19%	27 15%	26 20%
No, I have neither seriously considered divorcing nor separating from my current spouse or partner	1115 79%	97 79%	45 70%	137 82%	107 78%	100 83%	97 84%	63 80%	113 77%	119 77%	139 78%	97 75%
Prefer not to say	54 4%	12 10%	-	5 3%	4 3%	7 6%	4 3%	-	4 3%	6 4%	7 4%	3 3%
Don't know	29 2%	1 1%	2 3%	3 2%	4 3%	-	5 4%	2 2%	6 4%	1 1%	3 2%	2 2%

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Table 9

Q.3 Have you ever seriously considered divorcing or separating from your current spouse or partner?**Base: All respondents (Excluding those who don't currently have a partner)**

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	1414	96	1272	1000	12	260	42	3	22	17	973	431	171	172	171	101
Weighted base	1416	110	1265	958	12	295	37	2	20	15	946	458	178	193	183	110
Yes, I have seriously considered divorcing or separating from my current spouse or partner	218 15%	18 16%	186 15%	127 13%	2 13%	57 19%	15 40%	- -	12 61%	2 16%	132 14%	85 19%	36 20%	41 21%	34 19%	22 20%
No, I have neither seriously considered divorcing nor separating from my current spouse or partner	1115 79%	80 73%	1018 80%	788 82%	10 87%	220 74%	16 44%	2 100%	3 14%	11 76%	768 81%	342 75%	131 74%	139 72%	138 75%	81 73%
Prefer not to say	54 4%	5 4%	39 3%	28 3%	- -	11 4%	6 17%	- -	5 25%	1 8%	34 4%	16 3%	2 1%	8 4%	8 5%	5 5%
Don't know	29 2%	7 7%	22 2%	14 2%	- -	7 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	13 1%	15 3%	9 5%	5 3%	3 2%	2 2%

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Table 10

Q.4 To the best of your knowledge, which of the following people, if any, have ever been divorced?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Pri- vate
Unweighted base	2018	1002	1016	220	276	353	363	337	469	764	529	253	472	289	746
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824
NET: Any	1734 86%	836 85%	899 87%	174 72%	237 73%	338 88%	321 93%	278 92%	386 91%	472 87%	492 84%	380 90%	391 84%	266 87%	701 85%
NET: Family Member	1164 58%	535 54%	629 61%	132 55%	173 53%	207 54%	225 65%	168 55%	259 61%	297 54%	320 55%	253 60%	294 63%	158 52%	451 55%
Another close family member	736 36%	341 35%	395 38%	61 25%	76 24%	125 33%	178 52%	129 43%	167 39%	201 37%	200 34%	160 38%	176 38%	103 34%	273 33%
Your parents	471 23%	193 20%	277 27%	85 35%	108 33%	113 30%	83 24%	33 11%	49 12%	92 17%	131 22%	120 28%	127 27%	65 21%	225 27%
Your children	152 8%	68 7%	84 8%	3 1%	- -	1 *	7 2%	28 9%	113 27%	49 9%	46 8%	21 5%	35 8%	5 2%	24 3%
Your grandparents	101 5%	52 5%	50 5%	28 12%	27 8%	21 6%	17 5%	5 2%	4 1%	25 5%	33 6%	18 4%	25 5%	19 6%	46 6%
A close friend	902 45%	421 43%	482 47%	35 14%	81 25%	172 45%	208 61%	177 59%	230 54%	264 49%	262 45%	191 45%	185 40%	131 43%	354 43%
An acquaintance	821 41%	395 40%	426 41%	43 18%	98 30%	148 39%	164 48%	158 52%	209 49%	251 46%	248 42%	160 38%	162 35%	131 43%	318 39%
A colleague	730 36%	368 37%	362 35%	48 20%	113 35%	143 37%	136 40%	135 45%	156 37%	242 44%	239 41%	141 33%	108 23%	151 49%	334 41%
Your partner	300 15%	144 15%	156 15%	5 2%	16 5%	53 14%	64 19%	83 27%	79 19%	75 14%	66 11%	84 20%	75 16%	32 10%	116 14%
I don't know anyone in my personal circle that has ever been divorced	284 14%	153 15%	130 13%	68 28%	86 27%	46 12%	22 7%	24 8%	37 9%	72 13%	94 16%	44 10%	73 16%	40 13%	123 15%

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Table 11

Q.4 To the best of your knowledge, which of the following people, if any, have ever been divorced?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Region										
		Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2018	178	90	232	177	193	165	76	185	218	303	201
Weighted base	2018	175	91	237	178	187	157	107	189	254	259	184
NET: Any	1734 86%	151 86%	82 90%	200 84%	153 86%	156 83%	138 88%	85 79%	168 89%	201 79%	231 89%	170 92%
NET: Family Member	1164 58%	89 51%	65 71%	132 56%	99 56%	98 52%	101 64%	54 51%	117 62%	123 49%	171 66%	115 62%
Another close family member	736 36%	56 32%	41 45%	82 35%	67 37%	65 35%	65 41%	35 33%	74 39%	94 37%	95 37%	64 35%
Your parents	471 23%	38 22%	24 27%	55 23%	49 27%	30 16%	28 18%	23 22%	50 26%	49 19%	67 26%	58 31%
Your children	152 8%	9 5%	7 8%	15 6%	8 5%	8 4%	24 15%	9 8%	10 5%	10 4%	33 13%	18 10%
Your grandparents	101 5%	7 4%	3 3%	12 5%	15 9%	7 4%	5 3%	1 1%	13 7%	11 4%	15 6%	11 6%
A close friend	902 45%	78 45%	39 43%	105 44%	77 43%	88 47%	75 48%	47 44%	82 43%	94 37%	127 49%	89 48%
An acquaintance	821 41%	82 47%	40 44%	91 39%	68 38%	68 36%	64 41%	40 38%	76 40%	85 34%	114 44%	92 50%
A colleague	730 36%	64 36%	36 39%	84 36%	72 40%	64 34%	57 36%	36 33%	75 40%	76 30%	104 40%	64 35%
Your partner	300 15%	23 13%	13 15%	36 15%	33 19%	24 13%	29 18%	10 9%	29 15%	21 8%	46 18%	36 19%
I don't know anyone in my personal circle that has ever been divorced	284 14%	24 14%	9 10%	38 16%	25 14%	31 17%	19 12%	22 21%	22 11%	52 21%	27 11%	14 8%

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Table 12

Q.4 To the best of your knowledge, which of the following people, if any, have ever been divorced?

Base: All respondents

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	2018	470	1276	1000	12	264	267	73	44	150	1498	505	186	199	200	124
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129
NET: Any	1734	368	1139	855	12	272	225	57	41	127	1261	468	157	197	198	125
	86%	74%	90%	89%	100%	90%	93%	88%	95%	94%	86%	88%	82%	88%	93%	97%
NET: Family Member	1164	271	741	554	9	179	151	40	27	83	849	312	114	135	121	81
	58%	54%	58%	58%	73%	59%	62%	62%	64%	62%	58%	59%	59%	61%	57%	62%
Another close family member	736	143	489	378	3	108	104	25	19	60	540	195	64	88	82	52
	36%	29%	38%	39%	23%	36%	43%	39%	45%	45%	37%	37%	33%	40%	39%	40%
Your parents	471	153	277	159	5	114	41	11	8	22	327	141	62	68	52	30
	23%	31%	22%	17%	41%	38%	17%	16%	18%	16%	22%	27%	32%	30%	25%	23%
Your children	152	*	118	112	1	5	33	12	6	15	144	7	3	3	5	2
	8%	*	9%	12%	8%	2%	14%	19%	13%	11%	10%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Your grandparents	101	45	50	34	*	16	6	2	4	1	60	40	17	23	14	7
	5%	9%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	9%	1%	4%	7%	9%	10%	7%	5%
A close friend	902	156	580	454	6	119	166	40	31	96	665	235	57	91	111	62
	45%	31%	46%	47%	49%	40%	69%	61%	73%	71%	45%	44%	30%	41%	52%	48%
An acquaintance	821	143	559	429	3	127	118	35	22	61	610	205	56	87	93	53
	41%	29%	44%	45%	22%	42%	49%	54%	51%	45%	42%	39%	29%	39%	44%	41%
A colleague	730	131	506	365	4	137	94	20	17	56	533	197	62	89	91	45
	36%	26%	40%	38%	30%	46%	39%	31%	40%	42%	36%	37%	32%	40%	43%	35%
Your partner	300	10	255	177	2	76	34	3	9	23	213	85	24	32	46	26
	15%	2%	20%	19%	17%	25%	14%	5%	20%	17%	15%	16%	13%	14%	22%	20%
I don't know anyone in my personal circle that has ever been divorced	284	131	133	103	-	30	17	8	2	8	210	62	35	26	14	4
	14%	26%	10%	11%	-	10%	7%	12%	5%	6%	14%	12%	18%	12%	7%	3%

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Table 13

Q.5 Have any of these people ever asked you for advice on the practical steps to divorce or being separated?

Base: All respondents who have people in their personal circle that have been divorced

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	1748	850	898	159	206	307	342	311	423	671	448	226	403	255	636
Weighted base	1734	836	899	174	237	338	321	278	386	472	492	380	391	266	701
Yes	333 19%	140 17%	192 21%	27 15%	46 19%	57 17%	67 21%	58 21%	79 20%	98 21%	102 21%	62 16%	70 18%	54 20%	134 19%
No	1382 80%	685 82%	696 77%	144 83%	188 79%	278 82%	250 78%	218 78%	303 78%	371 79%	386 79%	312 82%	313 80%	211 79%	555 79%
Don't know	20 1%	10 1%	10 1%	3 2%	3 1%	3 1%	4 1%	3 1%	5 1%	4 1%	3 1%	5 1%	8 2%	1 *	12 2%

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Table 14

Q.5 Have any of these people ever asked you for advice on the practical steps to divorce or being separated?

Base: All respondents who have people in their personal circle that have been divorced

	Region											
	Total	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	1748	152	79	196	149	165	144	62	165	175	275	186
Weighted base	1734	151	82	200	153	156	138	85	168	201	231	170
Yes	333 19%	20 13%	13 16%	39 19%	36 24%	30 20%	31 22%	19 22%	27 16%	45 22%	38 16%	35 21%
No	1382 80%	128 85%	69 84%	156 78%	115 75%	123 79%	106 77%	64 75%	140 84%	155 77%	192 83%	132 78%
Don't know	20 1%	3 2%	-	5 2%	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	2 3%	-	1 1%	2 1%	2 1%

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Table 15

Q.5 Have any of these people ever asked you for advice on the practical steps to divorce or being separated?

Base: All respondents who have people in their personal circle that have been divorced

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	1748	360	1137	890	12	235	249	64	42	143	1296	447	152	175	187	119
Weighted base	1734	368	1139	855	12	272	225	57	41	127	1261	468	157	197	198	125
Yes	333 19%	45 12%	232 20%	186 22%	2 20%	43 16%	56 25%	8 14%	8 19%	40 32%	233 18%	100 21%	40 26%	44 22%	37 19%	20 16%
No	1382 80%	318 86%	893 78%	660 77%	9 72%	225 83%	168 75%	49 85%	33 81%	87 68%	1013 80%	363 77%	116 73%	151 77%	159 80%	104 83%
Don't know	20 1%	5 1%	14 1%	9 1%	1 8%	4 2%	1 *	1 1%	- -	- -	14 1%	6 1%	2 1%	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%

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Table 16

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Summary

Base: All respondents

		Ranking					
		Protecting my financial interests	Ensuring that I am financially better off than my partner at the end	Making a clean break emotionally	Keeping a constructive relationship with my partner	Putting the children's interests first	Ensuring that the divorce is as conflict- free as possible
Unweighted base		2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
Weighted base		2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
Most important	(1)	118 6%	18 1%	82 4%	209 10%	1194 59%	398 20%
2nd most important	(2)	263 13%	33 2%	139 7%	524 26%	386 19%	672 33%
3rd most important	(3)	370 18%	36 2%	293 15%	541 27%	209 10%	569 28%
4th most important	(4)	552 27%	84 4%	708 35%	343 17%	98 5%	234 12%
5th most important	(5)	674 33%	234 12%	691 34%	248 12%	62 3%	111 5%
Least important	(6)	41 2%	1614 80%	105 5%	154 8%	70 3%	33 2%
Mean		3.75	5.64	4.04	3.18	1.84	2.55
Standard deviation		1.26	0.89	1.16	1.41	1.30	1.18
Standard error		0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03

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Table 17

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Protecting my financial interests

Base: All respondents

		Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2018	1002	1016	220	276	353	363	337	469	764	529	253	472	289	746	
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824	
Most important	(1)	118 6%	77 8%	41 4%	23 10%	29 9%	13 3%	15 4%	20 7%	19 4%	34 6%	38 6%	24 6%	22 5%	20 6%	61 7%
2nd most important	(2)	263 13%	107 11%	156 15%	33 14%	46 14%	35 9%	51 15%	43 14%	54 13%	76 14%	80 14%	50 12%	57 12%	35 12%	120 15%
3rd most important	(3)	370 18%	162 16%	208 20%	51 21%	54 17%	67 18%	62 18%	50 17%	86 20%	104 19%	94 16%	91 21%	82 18%	58 19%	150 18%
4th most important	(4)	552 27%	237 24%	315 31%	48 20%	84 26%	106 28%	95 28%	101 33%	118 28%	146 27%	165 28%	127 30%	115 25%	94 31%	208 25%
5th most important	(5)	674 33%	385 39%	288 28%	80 33%	97 30%	152 40%	114 33%	88 29%	144 34%	180 33%	197 34%	121 29%	175 38%	90 29%	268 33%
Least important	(6)	41 2%	21 2%	21 2%	7 3%	14 4%	10 3%	5 2%	* *	4 1%	5 1%	12 2%	11 3%	13 3%	8 3%	18 2%
Mean		3.75	3.82	3.70	3.62	3.67	3.99	3.75	3.64	3.77	3.69	3.75	3.72	3.87	3.73	3.67
Standard deviation		1.26	1.32	1.20	1.39	1.38	1.16	1.23	1.23	1.20	1.26	1.28	1.23	1.25	1.25	1.32
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.05

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Table 18

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Protecting my financial interests

Base: All respondents

	Total	Region										
		Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2018	178	90	232	177	193	165	76	185	218	303	201
Weighted base	2018	175	91	237	178	187	157	107	189	254	259	184
Most important	(1) 118 6%	8 4%	4 4%	11 5%	9 5%	16 9%	10 6%	8 7%	12 7%	20 8%	14 5%	6 4%
2nd most important	(2) 263 13%	16 9%	13 14%	25 10%	24 14%	28 15%	23 15%	9 9%	26 14%	39 15%	37 14%	24 13%
3rd most important	(3) 370 18%	26 15%	16 18%	57 24%	31 17%	32 17%	21 13%	19 17%	40 21%	48 19%	46 18%	35 19%
4th most important	(4) 552 27%	57 32%	24 27%	69 29%	55 31%	45 24%	47 30%	27 25%	47 25%	59 23%	73 28%	49 26%
5th most important	(5) 674 33%	68 39%	30 33%	70 29%	57 32%	58 31%	54 34%	40 38%	62 33%	81 32%	87 34%	69 37%
Least important	(6) 41 2%	1 *	4 5%	6 3%	2 1%	8 4%	3 2%	4 4%	2 1%	6 3%	2 1%	2 1%
Mean	3.75	3.94	3.84	3.76	3.74	3.67	3.77	3.88	3.66	3.63	3.73	3.84
Standard deviation	1.26	1.15	1.27	1.19	1.21	1.39	1.29	1.31	1.27	1.35	1.24	1.19
Standard error	0.03	0.09	0.13	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.15	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.08

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Table 19

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Protecting my financial interests

Base: All respondents

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	2018	470	1276	1000	12	264	267	73	44	150	1498	505	186	199	200	124
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129
Most important	(1) 118 6%	40 8%	68 5%	50 5%	- -	17 6%	10 4%	- -	3 6%	8 6%	101 7%	16 3%	5 2%	6 3%	7 3%	5 4%
2nd most important	(2) 263 13%	77 15%	156 12%	111 12%	1 5%	44 15%	30 12%	9 14%	4 10%	17 13%	191 13%	71 13%	24 12%	27 12%	27 13%	16 12%
3rd most important	(3) 370 18%	89 18%	230 18%	172 18%	2 16%	56 18%	48 20%	15 23%	9 21%	25 18%	278 19%	88 17%	27 14%	39 17%	33 16%	17 13%
4th most important	(4) 552 27%	124 25%	349 27%	274 29%	5 41%	71 23%	77 32%	15 24%	17 41%	44 33%	404 27%	143 27%	46 24%	46 21%	58 27%	45 35%
5th most important	(5) 674 33%	158 32%	441 35%	330 34%	3 29%	108 36%	74 30%	26 40%	9 22%	39 29%	481 33%	187 35%	84 43%	98 44%	78 37%	38 30%
Least important	(6) 41 2%	10 2%	28 2%	21 2%	1 8%	6 2%	3 1%	- -	- -	3 2%	16 1%	26 5%	8 4%	6 2%	8 4%	8 6%
Mean	3.75	3.63	3.81	3.82	4.19	3.75	3.75	3.89	3.64	3.72	3.69	3.93	4.06	3.99	3.93	3.92
Standard deviation	1.26	1.34	1.24	1.23	1.02	1.29	1.17	1.09	1.12	1.22	1.27	1.23	1.21	1.21	1.22	1.24
Standard error	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.29	0.08	0.07	0.13	0.17	0.10	0.03	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.11

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Table 20

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Ensuring that I am financially better off than my partner at the end

Base: All respondents

		Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2018	1002	1016	220	276	353	363	337	469	764	529	253	472	289	746	
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824	
Most important	(1)	18 1%	12 1%	6 1%	2 1%	3 1%	4 1%	1 *	3 1%	3 1%	2 *	8 1%	3 1%	4 1%	7 2%	2 *
2nd most important	(2)	33 2%	21 2%	12 1%	9 4%	8 3%	3 1%	6 2%	3 1%	4 1%	8 1%	10 2%	10 2%	6 1%	2 1%	25 3%
3rd most important	(3)	36 2%	22 2%	14 1%	6 3%	7 2%	4 1%	8 2%	4 1%	7 2%	8 2%	9 2%	10 2%	9 2%	8 3%	13 2%
4th most important	(4)	84 4%	53 5%	30 3%	14 6%	20 6%	11 3%	16 5%	10 3%	12 3%	21 4%	16 3%	28 7%	19 4%	22 7%	38 5%
5th most important	(5)	234 12%	115 12%	119 12%	34 14%	37 12%	52 13%	42 12%	29 10%	39 9%	54 10%	51 9%	53 13%	75 16%	25 8%	103 13%
Least important	(6)	1614 80%	765 77%	849 82%	176 73%	247 76%	310 81%	269 78%	254 84%	359 85%	452 83%	491 84%	319 75%	351 76%	241 79%	643 78%
Mean		5.64	5.56	5.71	5.46	5.54	5.69	5.62	5.71	5.73	5.70	5.68	5.54	5.61	5.55	5.60
Standard deviation		0.89	0.99	0.77	1.08	1.01	0.81	0.89	0.81	0.78	0.79	0.91	0.99	0.87	1.04	0.92
Standard error		0.02	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.03

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Table 21

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Ensuring that I am financially better off than my partner at the end

Base: All respondents

	Total	Region										
		Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2018	178	90	232	177	193	165	76	185	218	303	201
Weighted base	2018	175	91	237	178	187	157	107	189	254	259	184
Most important	(1) 18 1%	-	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	-	2 2%	4 2%	3 1%	4 2%	-
2nd most important	(2) 33 2%	3 2%	1 1%	2 1%	3 1%	3 2%	3 2%	5 5%	4 2%	5 2%	5 2%	1 1%
3rd most important	(3) 36 2%	3 2%	1 1%	5 2%	8 4%	4 2%	-	3 3%	3 2%	6 2%	1 *	2 1%
4th most important	(4) 84 4%	5 3%	1 2%	11 5%	6 3%	14 8%	3 2%	5 5%	4 2%	14 6%	13 5%	6 3%
5th most important	(5) 234 12%	12 7%	16 17%	38 16%	21 12%	23 12%	17 11%	13 12%	23 12%	30 12%	29 11%	12 7%
Least important	(6) 1614 80%	152 87%	71 78%	181 76%	140 78%	141 76%	135 86%	79 74%	151 80%	196 77%	207 80%	162 88%
Mean	5.64	5.75	5.67	5.63	5.60	5.56	5.78	5.42	5.60	5.56	5.62	5.81
Standard deviation	0.89	0.75	0.81	0.80	0.93	0.92	0.66	1.20	1.01	1.00	0.96	0.60
Standard error	0.02	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.14	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.04

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Table 22

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Ensuring that I am financially better off than my partner at the end

Base: All respondents

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?						
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old	
Unweighted base	2018	470	1276	1000	12	264	267	73	44	150	1498	505	186	199	200	124	
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129	
Most important	(1)	18 1%	5 1%	12 1%	11 1%	- *	1 *	- -	- -	1 1%	10 1%	6 1%	3 2%	3 2%	3 1%	- -	
2nd most important	(2)	33 2%	15 3%	19 1%	14 1%	1 8%	4 1%	- -	- -	- -	25 2%	9 2%	5 3%	4 2%	4 2%	- -	
3rd most important	(3)	36 2%	9 2%	18 1%	17 2%	1 5%	1 *	9 4%	4 6%	- -	5 4%	9 2%	3 2%	5 2%	4 2%	5 4%	
4th most important	(4)	84 4%	20 4%	50 4%	33 3%	* 4%	16 5%	14 6%	3 5%	3 7%	7 6%	57 4%	27 5%	10 5%	14 6%	5 2%	3 2%
5th most important	(5)	234 12%	58 12%	145 11%	103 11%	2 17%	40 13%	28 11%	2 2%	8 19%	18 13%	152 10%	78 15%	22 11%	23 10%	31 15%	21 16%
Least important	(6)	1614 80%	393 79%	1028 81%	781 81%	8 66%	239 79%	191 79%	56 86%	32 74%	104 77%	1202 82%	401 76%	149 77%	173 78%	164 78%	101 78%
Mean		5.64	5.58	5.66	5.66	5.28	5.68	5.64	5.69	5.67	5.61	5.67	5.57	5.54	5.56	5.59	5.68
Standard deviation		0.89	0.99	0.87	0.89	1.31	0.77	0.81	0.84	0.60	0.85	0.86	0.95	1.05	1.01	0.97	0.70
Standard error		0.02	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.38	0.05	0.05	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.06

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Table 23

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Making a clean break emotionally

Base: All respondents

		Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2018	1002	1016	220	276	353	363	337	469	764	529	253	472	289	746	
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824	
Most important	(1)	82 4%	47 5%	35 3%	15 6%	22 7%	22 6%	11 3%	6 2%	5 1%	15 3%	30 5%	14 3%	23 5%	14 4%	35 4%
2nd most important	(2)	139 7%	75 8%	64 6%	22 9%	27 8%	28 7%	21 6%	19 6%	22 5%	26 5%	47 8%	23 6%	43 9%	20 7%	64 8%
3rd most important	(3)	293 15%	158 16%	135 13%	30 13%	58 18%	59 15%	51 15%	42 14%	52 12%	81 15%	74 13%	66 16%	72 16%	47 15%	125 15%
4th most important	(4)	708 35%	385 39%	322 31%	85 35%	104 32%	148 39%	124 36%	98 32%	147 35%	197 36%	200 34%	133 31%	178 38%	80 26%	308 37%
5th most important	(5)	691 34%	272 28%	419 41%	64 27%	100 31%	109 28%	115 33%	127 42%	176 42%	205 38%	204 35%	160 38%	121 26%	121 40%	256 31%
Least important	(6)	105 5%	51 5%	54 5%	25 10%	12 4%	17 4%	21 6%	10 3%	20 5%	21 4%	31 5%	27 6%	26 6%	24 8%	36 4%
Mean		4.04	3.92	4.15	3.97	3.84	3.90	4.09	4.15	4.25	4.13	4.01	4.14	3.88	4.13	3.97
Standard deviation		1.16	1.17	1.13	1.32	1.25	1.19	1.12	1.05	1.00	1.05	1.21	1.13	1.21	1.23	1.15
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.04

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Table 24

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Making a clean break emotionally

Base: All respondents

	Total	Region										
		Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2018	178	90	232	177	193	165	76	185	218	303	201
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Most important	(1) 82 4%	13 7%	6 7%	7 3%	8 4%	6 3%	2 2%	2 2%	7 4%	15 6%	8 3%	8 4%
2nd most important	(2) 139 7%	11 6%	2 2%	19 8%	12 7%	13 7%	11 7%	8 8%	12 6%	25 10%	16 6%	11 6%
3rd most important	(3) 293 15%	27 16%	10 11%	42 18%	34 19%	32 17%	19 12%	10 10%	19 10%	31 12%	38 15%	30 16%
4th most important	(4) 708 35%	52 30%	39 43%	74 31%	53 30%	73 39%	56 36%	44 41%	72 38%	79 31%	97 38%	67 36%
5th most important	(5) 691 34%	65 37%	29 32%	78 33%	64 36%	55 29%	62 40%	33 31%	71 37%	86 34%	85 33%	64 35%
Least important	(6) 105 5%	7 4%	5 5%	17 7%	7 4%	8 4%	7 4%	9 9%	9 5%	17 7%	15 6%	5 3%
Mean	4.04	3.96	4.08	4.05	3.98	3.97	4.18	4.18	4.13	3.96	4.08	3.99
Standard deviation	1.16	1.26	1.16	1.17	1.18	1.10	1.04	1.10	1.10	1.30	1.11	1.12
Standard error	0.03	0.09	0.12	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.13	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.08

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Table 25

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Making a clean break emotionally

Base: All respondents

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	2018	470	1276	1000	12	264	267	73	44	150	1498	505	186	199	200	124
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129
Most important	(1)	82 4%	38 8%	35 3%	24 3%	10 3%	8 3%	-	6 13%	3 2%	66 4%	15 3%	6 3%	6 3%	4 2%	2 1%
2nd most important	(2)	139 7%	41 8%	72 6%	54 6%	-	26 11%	5 8%	6 14%	15 11%	98 7%	39 7%	7 4%	18 8%	16 8%	12 9%
3rd most important	(3)	293 15%	72 14%	185 15%	140 15%	*	35 15%	6 9%	4 9%	26 19%	205 14%	86 16%	33 17%	32 14%	31 15%	25 19%
4th most important	(4)	708 35%	172 34%	451 35%	334 35%	6 47%	81 33%	24 37%	14 34%	42 31%	516 35%	185 35%	80 42%	91 41%	84 40%	43 33%
5th most important	(5)	691 34%	153 31%	451 36%	353 37%	3 24%	86 35%	28 43%	12 29%	45 34%	519 35%	167 32%	53 28%	64 29%	63 30%	40 31%
Least important	(6)	105 5%	22 4%	76 6%	54 6%	2 17%	6 3%	2 3%	1 2%	4 3%	66 5%	38 7%	13 7%	12 5%	14 6%	8 6%
Mean		4.04	3.85	4.13	4.15	4.30	3.94	4.24	3.56	3.92	4.04	4.06	4.07	4.00	4.07	4.01
Standard deviation		1.16	1.28	1.10	1.08	1.33	1.16	0.94	1.42	1.12	1.16	1.14	1.08	1.10	1.09	1.11
Standard error		0.03	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.38	0.07	0.11	0.21	0.09	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.10

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Table 26

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Keeping a constructive relationship with my partner

Base: All respondents

		Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2018	1002	1016	220	276	353	363	337	469	764	529	253	472	289	746	
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824	
Most important	(1)	209 10%	109 11%	100 10%	32 13%	23 7%	45 12%	29 8%	28 9%	53 12%	73 13%	45 8%	47 11%	43 9%	37 12%	71 9%
2nd most important	(2)	524 26%	254 26%	270 26%	43 18%	93 29%	97 25%	102 30%	77 25%	112 26%	141 26%	162 28%	108 26%	113 24%	90 29%	206 25%
3rd most important	(3)	541 27%	250 25%	291 28%	68 28%	85 26%	115 30%	82 24%	78 26%	113 27%	134 25%	179 31%	102 24%	126 27%	85 28%	211 26%
4th most important	(4)	343 17%	155 16%	187 18%	52 21%	57 18%	57 15%	53 15%	53 18%	69 16%	84 15%	100 17%	81 19%	78 17%	46 15%	150 18%
5th most important	(5)	248 12%	128 13%	119 12%	32 13%	46 14%	44 12%	43 12%	39 13%	44 10%	70 13%	71 12%	44 10%	63 14%	32 11%	110 13%
Least important	(6)	154 8%	93 9%	62 6%	17 7%	19 6%	25 6%	34 10%	27 9%	32 8%	43 8%	28 5%	41 10%	42 9%	15 5%	76 9%
Mean		3.18	3.22	3.14	3.24	3.21	3.09	3.24	3.27	3.09	3.12	3.12	3.21	3.28	2.98	3.30
Standard deviation		1.41	1.47	1.35	1.42	1.35	1.39	1.46	1.44	1.42	1.47	1.29	1.46	1.43	1.35	1.43
Standard error		0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.08	0.05

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Table 27

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Keeping a constructive relationship with my partner

Base: All respondents

	Total	Region										
		Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2018	178	90	232	177	193	165	76	185	218	303	201
Weighted base	2018	175	91	237	178	187	157	107	189	254	259	184
Most important	(1) 209 10%	15 9%	12 13%	30 13%	11 6%	16 9%	14 9%	9 9%	17 9%	33 13%	30 11%	22 12%
2nd most important	(2) 524 26%	57 33%	30 32%	62 26%	47 27%	42 22%	41 26%	30 28%	42 22%	60 24%	65 25%	48 26%
3rd most important	(3) 541 27%	47 27%	25 27%	48 20%	40 22%	52 28%	48 31%	35 33%	62 33%	68 27%	69 27%	48 26%
4th most important	(4) 343 17%	28 16%	13 14%	40 17%	41 23%	30 16%	26 17%	13 12%	32 17%	46 18%	42 16%	32 17%
5th most important	(5) 248 12%	21 12%	8 9%	34 14%	21 12%	27 14%	17 11%	14 13%	17 9%	35 14%	30 12%	25 13%
Least important	(6) 154 8%	7 4%	5 5%	23 10%	19 11%	20 11%	10 7%	6 5%	20 10%	12 5%	23 9%	10 5%
Mean	3.18	3.01	2.89	3.23	3.39	3.38	3.14	3.07	3.26	3.11	3.18	3.10
Standard deviation	1.41	1.29	1.34	1.54	1.42	1.46	1.35	1.32	1.41	1.38	1.45	1.38
Standard error	0.03	0.10	0.14	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.15	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.10

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Table 28

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Keeping a constructive relationship with my partner

Base: All respondents

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?						
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old	
Unweighted base	2018	470	1276	1000	12	264	267	73	44	150	1498	505	186	199	200	124	
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129	
Most important	(1) 10%	209 9%	143 11%	104 11%	2 19%	37 12%	20 8%	6 9%	4 11%	9 7%	147 10%	59 11%	18 9%	24 11%	29 14%	20 15%	
2nd most important	(2) 26%	524 22%	111 28%	350 27%	262 27%	3 22%	86 29%	63 26%	15 24%	12 28%	35 26%	372 25%	145 27%	67 35%	56 25%	51 24%	28 22%
3rd most important	(3) 27%	541 28%	139 27%	347 27%	258 27%	4 38%	85 28%	54 22%	18 27%	8 18%	29 22%	394 27%	142 27%	45 23%	67 30%	57 27%	35 27%
4th most important	(4) 17%	343 18%	92 17%	214 17%	169 18%	- -	45 15%	37 15%	14 22%	2 6%	20 15%	257 17%	84 16%	30 16%	34 15%	33 15%	19 14%
5th most important	(5) 12%	248 16%	78 10%	130 10%	99 10%	2 16%	30 10%	38 16%	5 8%	10 23%	23 17%	196 13%	51 10%	18 9%	20 9%	23 11%	16 13%
Least important	(6) 8%	154 7%	35 7%	87 7%	67 7%	1 5%	20 7%	30 12%	6 10%	6 15%	17 13%	104 7%	48 9%	14 7%	22 10%	19 9%	12 9%
Mean	3.18	3.31	3.08	3.10	2.88	3.01	3.41	3.24	3.46	3.48	3.20	3.13	3.02	3.16	3.13	3.14	
Standard deviation	1.41	1.39	1.38	1.38	1.50	1.38	1.52	1.41	1.69	1.52	1.40	1.44	1.38	1.43	1.48	1.51	
Standard error	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.43	0.09	0.09	0.17	0.25	0.12	0.04	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.14	

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Table 29

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Putting the children's interests first

Base: All respondents

		Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2018	1002	1016	220	276	353	363	337	469	764	529	253	472	289	746	
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824	
Most important	(1)	1194 59%	563 57%	630 61%	137 56%	200 62%	244 64%	218 63%	175 58%	221 52%	293 54%	362 62%	258 61%	281 61%	182 59%	516 63%
2nd most important	(2)	386 19%	203 20%	183 18%	55 23%	52 16%	74 19%	48 14%	58 19%	98 23%	115 21%	102 17%	86 20%	84 18%	51 17%	139 17%
3rd most important	(3)	209 10%	109 11%	100 10%	28 12%	28 9%	34 9%	33 10%	37 12%	47 11%	75 14%	52 9%	38 9%	43 9%	32 10%	85 10%
4th most important	(4)	98 5%	50 5%	48 5%	9 4%	13 4%	14 4%	14 4%	14 5%	33 8%	31 6%	30 5%	14 3%	23 5%	15 5%	35 4%
5th most important	(5)	62 3%	26 3%	36 3%	6 3%	12 4%	4 1%	18 5%	7 2%	15 4%	15 3%	23 4%	11 3%	12 3%	16 5%	20 2%
Least important	(6)	70 3%	39 4%	31 3%	6 3%	19 6%	13 3%	13 4%	11 4%	8 2%	16 3%	17 3%	17 4%	21 5%	10 3%	30 4%
Mean		1.84	1.88	1.80	1.81	1.89	1.70	1.85	1.86	1.93	1.92	1.81	1.78	1.84	1.90	1.78
Standard deviation		1.30	1.31	1.29	1.21	1.45	1.19	1.39	1.29	1.26	1.27	1.30	1.28	1.35	1.38	1.28
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.08	0.05

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Table 30

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Putting the children's interests first

Base: All respondents

	Total	Region										
		Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2018	178	90	232	177	193	165	76	185	218	303	201
Weighted base	2018	175	91	237	178	187	157	107	189	254	259	184
Most important	(1) 1194 59%	107 61%	56 62%	137 58%	112 63%	127 68%	100 64%	62 58%	99 52%	132 52%	147 57%	114 62%
2nd most important	(2) 386 19%	31 18%	16 18%	49 21%	28 16%	27 15%	27 17%	18 16%	39 20%	54 21%	61 24%	34 19%
3rd most important	(3) 209 10%	14 8%	4 5%	28 12%	22 12%	15 8%	17 11%	16 15%	23 12%	30 12%	25 10%	14 7%
4th most important	(4) 98 5%	13 8%	6 7%	10 4%	3 1%	3 2%	8 5%	3 2%	14 8%	18 7%	10 4%	10 6%
5th most important	(5) 62 3%	1 1%	2 3%	7 3%	8 4%	11 6%	3 2%	2 2%	9 5%	7 3%	7 3%	6 3%
Least important	(6) 70 3%	9 5%	6 6%	6 3%	6 3%	4 2%	2 1%	6 5%	5 3%	13 5%	9 3%	5 3%
Mean	1.84	1.84	1.91	1.82	1.78	1.69	1.66	1.90	2.00	2.02	1.82	1.78
Standard deviation	1.30	1.36	1.49	1.23	1.30	1.27	1.07	1.37	1.34	1.41	1.25	1.28
Standard error	0.03	0.10	0.16	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.16	0.10	0.10	0.07	0.09

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Table 31

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Putting the children's interests first

Base: All respondents

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	2018	470	1276	1000	12	264	267	73	44	150	1498	505	186	199	200	124
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129
Most important	(1) 1194 59%	287 57%	764 60%	571 60%	3 24%	190 63%	141 58%	40 61%	19 45%	82 61%	828 56%	360 68%	148 77%	152 68%	137 65%	71 54%
2nd most important	(2) 386 19%	103 21%	234 18%	175 18%	6 52%	53 18%	46 19%	11 17%	9 22%	25 19%	291 20%	91 17%	23 12%	41 19%	39 18%	30 24%
3rd most important	(3) 209 10%	56 11%	128 10%	99 10%	1 10%	28 9%	24 10%	7 10%	6 13%	11 8%	156 11%	49 9%	13 7%	17 8%	19 9%	16 12%
4th most important	(4) 98 5%	21 4%	67 5%	55 6%	1 8%	11 4%	9 4%	2 3%	1 3%	6 4%	79 5%	18 3%	4 2%	7 3%	11 5%	6 4%
5th most important	(5) 62 3%	10 2%	41 3%	34 4%	1 5%	6 2%	11 5%	4 6%	3 7%	4 3%	52 4%	8 2%	3 1%	2 1%	4 2%	5 4%
Least important	(6) 70 3%	22 4%	38 3%	24 3%	- -	13 4%	11 5%	1 2%	4 9%	6 4%	65 4%	4 1%	2 1%	4 2%	3 1%	2 1%
Mean	1.84	1.86	1.82	1.83	2.17	1.77	1.91	1.82	2.33	1.82	1.93	1.56	1.42	1.55	1.65	1.84
Standard deviation	1.30	1.31	1.28	1.28	1.09	1.31	1.40	1.29	1.68	1.34	1.38	0.99	0.94	1.01	1.09	1.18
Standard error	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.32	0.08	0.09	0.15	0.25	0.11	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.11

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Table 32

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Ensuring that the divorce is as conflict-free as possible

Base: All respondents

		Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2018	1002	1016	220	276	353	363	337	469	764	529	253	472	289	746	
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824	
Most important	(1)	398 20%	181 18%	217 21%	34 14%	47 15%	55 14%	70 20%	71 23%	122 29%	127 23%	102 17%	78 18%	91 20%	47 15%	139 17%
2nd most important	(2)	672 33%	329 33%	344 33%	79 33%	97 30%	147 38%	114 33%	102 34%	133 31%	179 33%	185 32%	145 34%	162 35%	108 35%	270 33%
3rd most important	(3)	569 28%	288 29%	281 27%	58 24%	91 28%	103 27%	106 31%	91 30%	119 28%	143 26%	177 30%	117 28%	132 28%	74 24%	240 29%
4th most important	(4)	234 12%	108 11%	126 12%	34 14%	44 14%	47 12%	41 12%	25 8%	44 10%	67 12%	75 13%	41 10%	51 11%	48 16%	87 11%
5th most important	(5)	111 5%	62 6%	49 5%	26 11%	32 10%	23 6%	12 3%	13 4%	6 1%	21 4%	39 7%	34 8%	17 4%	21 7%	67 8%
Least important	(6)	33 2%	21 2%	12 1%	11 5%	12 4%	9 2%	1 *	1 *	-	8 1%	7 1%	9 2%	10 2%	7 2%	21 3%
Mean		2.55	2.60	2.50	2.89	2.85	2.64	2.46	2.37	2.24	2.45	2.63	2.61	2.51	2.71	2.68
Standard deviation		1.18	1.21	1.16	1.36	1.31	1.18	1.07	1.07	1.02	1.17	1.17	1.24	1.16	1.24	1.25
Standard error		0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.05

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Table 33

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Ensuring that the divorce is as conflict-free as possible

Base: All respondents

	Total	Region										
		Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2018	178	90	232	177	193	165	76	185	218	303	201
Weighted base	2018	175	91	237	178	187	157	107	189	254	259	184
Most important	(1) 398 20%	33 19%	12 14%	51 22%	38 21%	20 11%	30 19%	24 22%	50 27%	50 20%	56 22%	33 18%
2nd most important	(2) 672 33%	57 33%	30 33%	80 34%	63 36%	74 40%	52 33%	36 34%	66 35%	70 28%	76 29%	66 36%
3rd most important	(3) 569 28%	57 33%	35 39%	58 24%	44 25%	53 28%	52 33%	23 22%	42 22%	70 28%	79 31%	55 30%
4th most important	(4) 234 12%	20 11%	7 8%	33 14%	21 12%	20 11%	18 11%	15 14%	20 10%	37 15%	23 9%	20 11%
5th most important	(5) 111 5%	8 5%	6 7%	11 5%	8 4%	15 8%	5 3%	5 5%	8 4%	15 6%	21 8%	8 4%
Least important	(6) 33 2%	-	-	4 2%	4 2%	5 3%	* *	3 3%	3 1%	10 4%	3 1%	1 *
Mean	2.55	2.50	2.61	2.51	2.50	2.73	2.47	2.56	2.35	2.72	2.57	2.48
Standard deviation	1.18	1.07	1.04	1.20	1.21	1.19	1.04	1.29	1.18	1.32	1.23	1.07
Standard error	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.15	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.08

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Table 34

Q.6 If you were going through a divorce and children were involved, how important or unimportant would each of the following be to you?

Ensuring that the divorce is as conflict-free as possible

Base: All respondents

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	2018	470	1276	1000	12	264	267	73	44	150	1498	505	186	199	200	124
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129
Most important	(1) 398 20%	84 17%	250 20%	198 21%	6 49%	46 15%	62 25%	19 30%	11 25%	32 23%	319 22%	74 14%	12 6%	31 14%	31 15%	32 25%
2nd most important	(2) 672 33%	152 30%	440 35%	343 36%	1 13%	96 32%	78 32%	24 37%	11 26%	42 31%	493 34%	176 33%	66 34%	77 34%	75 35%	43 33%
3rd most important	(3) 569 28%	135 27%	363 29%	273 28%	3 27%	87 29%	72 30%	16 24%	17 39%	39 29%	411 28%	155 29%	72 37%	63 28%	67 32%	32 25%
4th most important	(4) 234 12%	70 14%	140 11%	93 10%	- -	47 15%	24 10%	6 9%	4 9%	14 11%	158 11%	73 14%	23 12%	30 14%	21 10%	14 11%
5th most important	(5) 111 5%	42 8%	63 5%	39 4%	1 8%	23 8%	6 2%	- -	- -	6 4%	72 5%	38 7%	13 7%	15 7%	13 6%	9 7%
Least important	(6) 33 2%	17 3%	15 1%	11 1%	* 4%	3 1%	2 1%	- -	- -	2 1%	18 1%	14 3%	6 3%	7 3%	4 2%	- -
Mean	2.55	2.77	2.51	2.44	2.18	2.71	2.34	2.13	2.33	2.45	2.47	2.75	2.89	2.74	2.63	2.41
Standard deviation	1.18	1.31	1.14	1.12	1.49	1.18	1.08	0.95	0.97	1.16	1.16	1.22	1.13	1.23	1.16	1.17
Standard error	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.43	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.15	0.09	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.10

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Table 35
Q.7 Thinking about divorce, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2018	1002	1016	220	276	353	363	337	469	764	529	253	472	289	746
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824
Most divorces involve a visit to court															
Agree	908 45%	434 44%	475 46%	115 48%	147 46%	167 44%	164 48%	133 44%	182 43%	218 40%	229 39%	219 52%	243 52%	134 44%	386 47%
Disagree	571 28%	263 27%	309 30%	58 24%	89 28%	86 23%	107 31%	104 34%	126 30%	166 31%	186 32%	104 25%	114 25%	86 28%	230 28%
Don't know	538 27%	292 30%	246 24%	69 28%	87 27%	130 34%	72 21%	66 22%	115 27%	160 29%	170 29%	101 24%	107 23%	86 28%	208 25%
Divorces can never be without conflict															
Agree	812 40%	403 41%	409 40%	85 35%	124 39%	133 35%	139 41%	124 41%	206 49%	232 43%	234 40%	162 38%	184 40%	110 36%	335 41%
Disagree	906 45%	441 45%	464 45%	115 48%	128 40%	188 49%	173 50%	144 48%	158 37%	231 42%	269 46%	196 46%	209 45%	145 47%	380 46%
Don't know	300 15%	144 15%	156 15%	42 17%	71 22%	63 16%	31 9%	35 12%	59 14%	82 15%	82 14%	65 15%	72 15%	51 17%	110 13%
Getting divorced is a straightforward process															
Agree	363 18%	188 19%	175 17%	15 6%	65 20%	74 19%	72 21%	61 20%	76 18%	90 16%	113 19%	79 19%	82 18%	56 18%	164 20%
Disagree	1184 59%	560 57%	624 61%	160 66%	174 54%	195 51%	208 61%	183 61%	262 62%	342 63%	328 56%	232 55%	282 61%	178 58%	464 56%
Don't know	471 23%	241 24%	230 22%	66 27%	84 26%	114 30%	63 18%	58 19%	85 20%	113 21%	144 25%	113 27%	100 22%	72 24%	196 24%

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Table 35
Q.7 Thinking about divorce, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Weighted base	2018	989	1029	242	323	384	343	303	423	545	585	424	464	306	824
<u>When getting or considering getting divorced, parents often put their own well-being before the well-being of their children</u>															
Agree	1195 59%	620 63%	575 56%	119 49%	167 52%	246 64%	230 67%	176 58%	258 61%	319 59%	349 60%	247 58%	281 60%	173 57%	516 63%
Disagree	372 18%	139 14%	233 23%	72 30%	64 20%	62 16%	51 15%	52 17%	71 17%	104 19%	103 18%	75 18%	90 19%	62 20%	135 16%
Don't know	451 22%	229 23%	222 22%	51 21%	93 29%	76 20%	62 18%	75 25%	95 22%	122 22%	133 23%	103 24%	93 20%	71 23%	173 21%
<u>Children are usually the main casualties in divorces</u>															
Agree	1627 81%	794 80%	833 81%	179 74%	246 76%	324 85%	282 82%	247 82%	350 83%	432 79%	453 77%	354 84%	388 84%	247 81%	658 80%
Disagree	207 10%	101 10%	106 10%	35 15%	33 10%	28 7%	38 11%	28 9%	44 10%	60 11%	76 13%	37 9%	34 7%	24 8%	96 12%
Don't know	184 9%	94 10%	90 9%	28 12%	44 14%	32 8%	24 7%	28 9%	29 7%	53 10%	56 10%	32 8%	42 9%	35 11%	70 8%

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Table 36

Q.7 Thinking about divorce, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Region										
		Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	2018	178	90	232	177	193	165	76	185	218	303	201
Weighted base	2018	175	91	237	178	187	157	107	189	254	259	184
<u>Most divorces involve a visit to court</u>												
Agree	908 45%	62 35%	42 46%	112 47%	90 51%	96 51%	64 41%	53 50%	91 48%	105 42%	121 47%	73 39%
Disagree	571 28%	57 33%	27 30%	67 28%	46 26%	50 27%	49 31%	26 24%	43 23%	75 30%	74 29%	56 30%
Don't know	538 27%	56 32%	22 24%	59 25%	42 23%	41 22%	44 28%	28 26%	55 29%	73 29%	64 25%	55 30%
<u>Divorces can never be without conflict</u>												
Agree	812 40%	48 27%	40 44%	105 44%	69 39%	85 45%	59 37%	53 49%	84 44%	95 37%	111 43%	65 35%
Disagree	906 45%	97 55%	44 48%	105 44%	85 48%	68 37%	70 45%	39 36%	71 37%	121 48%	113 44%	92 50%
Don't know	300 15%	30 17%	7 8%	27 11%	23 13%	34 18%	28 18%	16 15%	35 18%	38 15%	35 14%	28 15%
<u>Getting divorced is a straightforward process</u>												
Agree	363 18%	33 19%	19 21%	36 15%	26 15%	41 22%	33 21%	21 19%	35 19%	38 15%	43 17%	37 20%
Disagree	1184 59%	94 54%	58 63%	145 61%	106 60%	109 59%	86 55%	65 61%	105 55%	150 59%	160 62%	106 58%
Don't know	471 23%	48 27%	14 16%	56 24%	46 26%	36 19%	38 24%	21 20%	49 26%	66 26%	56 21%	41 22%

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Table 36

Q.7 Thinking about divorce, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Base: All respondents

	Region											
	Total	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Weighted base	2018	175	91	237	178	187	157	107	189	254	259	184
<u>When getting or considering getting divorced, parents often put their own well-being before the well-being of their children</u>												
Agree	1195 59%	101 58%	56 61%	135 57%	105 59%	112 60%	95 61%	52 49%	115 61%	157 62%	159 62%	107 58%
Disagree	372 18%	33 19%	19 21%	49 21%	30 17%	38 20%	33 21%	24 23%	32 17%	39 15%	45 17%	29 16%
Don't know	451 22%	41 24%	17 18%	53 22%	43 24%	36 19%	28 18%	30 28%	42 22%	58 23%	54 21%	48 26%
<u>Children are usually the main casualties in divorces</u>												
Agree	1627 81%	136 78%	76 83%	187 79%	151 85%	155 83%	129 82%	91 85%	163 86%	191 75%	208 80%	142 77%
Disagree	207 10%	16 9%	13 14%	24 10%	9 5%	13 7%	18 11%	5 5%	12 6%	43 17%	29 11%	23 12%
Don't know	184 9%	23 13%	3 3%	26 11%	18 10%	19 10%	10 6%	11 10%	14 7%	19 8%	22 9%	20 11%

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Table 37

Q.7 Thinking about divorce, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Base: All respondents

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	2018	470	1276	1000	12	264	267	73	44	150	1498	505	186	199	200	124
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129
<u>Most divorces involve a visit to court</u>																
Agree	908 45%	235 47%	569 45%	429 45%	5 39%	136 45%	103 43%	27 42%	17 39%	59 44%	640 44%	260 49%	96 50%	119 53%	96 45%	60 46%
Disagree	571 28%	121 24%	355 28%	264 28%	3 24%	88 29%	94 39%	17 27%	19 44%	58 43%	431 29%	140 26%	43 22%	45 20%	68 32%	41 32%
Don't know	538 27%	143 29%	347 27%	264 28%	4 37%	78 26%	46 19%	20 31%	7 17%	18 14%	400 27%	130 25%	53 28%	58 26%	48 22%	28 22%
<u>Divorces can never be without conflict</u>																
Agree	812 40%	175 35%	539 42%	415 43%	6 46%	118 39%	96 40%	23 35%	10 23%	64 47%	585 40%	219 41%	80 41%	81 37%	85 40%	57 44%
Disagree	906 45%	237 47%	557 44%	412 43%	6 54%	139 46%	110 45%	23 35%	28 67%	58 43%	673 46%	228 43%	79 41%	93 42%	100 47%	57 44%
Don't know	300 15%	87 18%	176 14%	131 14%	-	45 15%	36 15%	20 30%	4 10%	12 9%	212 14%	83 16%	34 17%	48 22%	27 13%	16 12%
<u>Getting divorced is a straightforward process</u>																
Agree	363 18%	65 13%	232 18%	177 18%	2 20%	53 18%	65 27%	15 23%	9 20%	42 31%	261 18%	101 19%	32 16%	45 20%	43 20%	19 15%
Disagree	1184 59%	286 57%	743 58%	547 57%	9 75%	187 62%	151 62%	36 55%	26 61%	89 66%	859 58%	313 59%	115 60%	126 57%	121 57%	88 68%
Don't know	471 23%	148 30%	296 23%	234 24%	1 5%	62 20%	26 11%	14 22%	8 19%	4 3%	351 24%	116 22%	46 24%	51 23%	47 22%	22 17%

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Table 37

Q.7 Thinking about divorce, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**Base: All respondents**

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Weighted base	2018	499	1272	958	12	302	242	65	42	135	1471	530	193	222	212	129
<u>When getting or considering getting divorced, parents often put their own well-being before the well-being of their children</u>																
Agree	1195 59%	267 53%	772 61%	606 63%	8 71%	157 52%	154 63%	38 58%	27 65%	89 66%	848 58%	339 64%	107 55%	150 67%	144 68%	89 69%
Disagree	372 18%	100 20%	226 18%	147 15%	3 24%	76 25%	46 19%	8 13%	12 28%	26 19%	282 19%	88 17%	36 19%	32 15%	32 15%	25 19%
Don't know	451 22%	133 27%	274 22%	204 21%	1 5%	69 23%	42 17%	19 29%	3 8%	20 15%	341 23%	103 19%	50 26%	40 18%	36 17%	16 12%
<u>Children are usually the main casualties in divorces</u>																
Agree	1627 81%	377 75%	1058 83%	810 85%	10 88%	237 79%	190 78%	52 80%	33 77%	105 78%	1167 79%	449 85%	162 84%	189 85%	179 84%	113 87%
Disagree	207 10%	62 13%	110 9%	78 8%	* 4%	31 10%	32 13%	5 8%	9 22%	17 13%	160 11%	45 8%	10 5%	16 7%	21 10%	11 8%
Don't know	184 9%	60 12%	103 8%	69 7%	1 8%	33 11%	21 9%	8 12%	1 1%	12 9%	143 10%	37 7%	21 11%	18 8%	12 6%	5 4%

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Table 38

**Q.8 You previously said that you have been divorced before. Where did you go in order to find a lawyer to settle your divorce?
If you have divorced more than once, please answer based on your first divorce.**

Base: All respondents who have been divorced

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	456	196	260	4	14	46	108	124	160	170	112	49	125	48	138
Weighted base	430	183	247	4	18	50	96	115	148	120	119	69	122	51	140
I asked my usual lawyer	116 27%	58 32%	58 24%	2 49%	1 6%	15 29%	23 24%	31 27%	45 31%	34 28%	23 19%	19 27%	41 33%	10 20%	36 25%
I asked friends and family for divorce lawyer recommendations	83 19%	30 17%	53 21%	2 49%	2 14%	6 11%	17 18%	30 26%	27 18%	28 23%	27 23%	11 16%	17 14%	6 13%	31 22%
I did not have a lawyer for my divorce settlement	75 18%	39 21%	37 15%	1 25%	3 19%	11 23%	18 19%	20 18%	21 14%	21 17%	19 16%	14 20%	22 18%	8 15%	28 20%
Yellow Pages/ Thompson Local/ other paper-based directory	60 14%	19 10%	41 16%	2 49%	3 17%	9 18%	15 15%	14 12%	17 11%	20 17%	15 13%	9 13%	16 13%	10 19%	19 13%
Citizens Advice	35 8%	18 10%	17 7%	3 77%	3 19%	2 4%	9 9%	8 7%	10 7%	6 5%	7 6%	5 7%	17 14%	8 15%	8 6%
I asked friends and family for general lawyer recommendations	35 8%	15 8%	20 8%	2 49%	3 15%	* 1%	11 11%	7 6%	12 8%	14 11%	10 8%	2 2%	10 8%	5 10%	14 10%
Internet search engine	8 2%	7 4%	1 *	1 25%	- -	3 7%	2 2%	1 1%	- -	3 2%	4 4%	- -	1 *	3 5%	4 3%
Other	26 6%	8 5%	17 7%	- -	- -	2 5%	4 4%	7 6%	13 8%	7 6%	11 10%	4 6%	3 2%	4 8%	8 6%
Don't know	18 4%	5 3%	13 5%	- -	2 10%	4 7%	5 5%	3 2%	5 3%	2 2%	5 4%	6 8%	5 4%	1 2%	9 6%

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Table 39

**Q.8 You previously said that you have been divorced before. Where did you go in order to find a lawyer to settle your divorce?
If you have divorced more than once, please answer based on your first divorce.**

Base: All respondents who have been divorced

	Region											
	Total	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Unweighted base	456	29	19	47	41	39	41	11	52	33	81	63
Weighted base	430	29	20	41	44	39	41	11	50	34	62	58
I asked my usual lawyer	116 27%	15 54%	7 34%	15 37%	7 16%	14 36%	9 22%	1 6%	11 22%	4 11%	18 29%	15 26%
I asked friends and family for divorce lawyer recommendations	83 19%	1 5%	4 18%	6 14%	9 20%	2 4%	10 23%	5 45%	7 14%	16 47%	12 19%	12 21%
I did not have a lawyer for my divorce settlement	75 18%	3 11%	4 20%	4 10%	11 25%	7 18%	9 23%	3 22%	9 19%	4 12%	12 19%	9 15%
Yellow Pages/ Thompson Local/ other paper-based directory	60 14%	3 11%	1 3%	9 21%	9 21%	8 20%	4 10%	2 15%	6 12%	5 14%	7 12%	6 11%
Citizens Advice	35 8%	3 9%	1 4%	3 7%	5 12%	1 4%	1 1%	-	3 5%	4 13%	6 9%	9 15%
I asked friends and family for general lawyer recommendations	35 8%	1 5%	3 13%	4 10%	5 11%	3 6%	2 5%	1 11%	6 13%	1 4%	4 7%	4 6%
Internet search engine	8 2%	-	-	1 3%	-	-	-	-	2 4%	-	3 5%	1 2%
Other	26 6%	1 2%	2 8%	4 10%	-	3 7%	2 6%	-	4 8%	2 6%	5 8%	3 5%
Don't know	18 4%	1 3%	-	2 4%	2 3%	3 8%	4 11%	-	3 6%	2 6%	1 1%	1 1%

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Table 40

Q.8 You previously said that you have been divorced before. Where did you go in order to find a lawyer to settle your divorce?

If you have divorced more than once, please answer based on your first divorce.

Base: All respondents who have been divorced

	Marital Status										Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
	Total	Single	NET: Married/ Civil partnership / co habiting	Married	Civil Partnership	Co Habiting	NET: Widowed/ separated/ divorced	Widowed	Separated	Divorced	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	456	11	268	201	2	65	176	22	6	148	371	84	18	27	38	29
Weighted base	430	9	261	189	3	69	159	18	7	134	348	81	16	25	37	28
I asked my usual lawyer	116 27%	2 25%	68 26%	51 27%	- -	16 24%	45 28%	6 32%	3 39%	36 27%	89 26%	27 34%	3 20%	6 23%	14 38%	10 35%
I asked friends and family for divorce lawyer recommendations	83 19%	1 9%	56 22%	40 21%	1 23%	15 22%	26 17%	5 28%	- -	21 16%	70 20%	13 17%	4 24%	6 26%	9 23%	4 13%
I did not have a lawyer for my divorce settlement	75 18%	1 16%	49 19%	36 19%	- -	14 20%	25 16%	4 21%	- -	21 16%	61 17%	15 18%	5 29%	7 28%	5 13%	8 27%
Yellow Pages/ Thompson Local/ other paper-based directory	60 14%	1 14%	35 13%	25 13%	2 77%	8 12%	24 15%	1 6%	- -	23 17%	45 13%	14 18%	4 25%	6 24%	5 13%	8 27%
Citizens Advice	35 8%	3 28%	15 6%	12 6%	- -	3 5%	17 11%	1 4%	3 46%	13 10%	27 8%	7 9%	2 13%	3 10%	6 15%	3 11%
I asked friends and family for general lawyer recommendations	35 8%	- -	25 10%	17 9%	- -	8 12%	10 6%	- -	- -	10 7%	26 7%	9 11%	4 26%	4 18%	4 12%	4 15%
Internet search engine	8 2%	- -	6 2%	4 2%	- -	2 3%	2 1%	- -	- -	2 1%	3 1%	4 5%	3 15%	2 9%	2 4%	1 4%
Other	26 6%	- -	16 6%	13 7%	- -	3 4%	10 6%	2 9%	1 14%	7 5%	21 6%	4 5%	1 4%	2 6%	2 6%	- -
Don't know	18 4%	1 8%	8 3%	6 3%	- -	2 3%	9 6%	1 4%	- -	9 6%	16 5%	2 2%	* 3%	- -	1 3%	* 2%