

Divorce - you are not alone



Knowing who to turn to when you are contemplating the breakdown of your marriage can be disconcerting and frightening.

Here at Oratto, we know that having the right legal guidance from the outset is possibly the best move you can make, and if you want to speak to one of our member divorce solicitors we can put you in contact with the most appropriate lawyer for your needs, quickly and quietly - so you'll get the help you need.

£ Fixed price divorce services

Having some certainty surrounding how much the divorce process is going to cost is important for most people. We can assist you in achieving as much certainty as possible over these costs by liaising with you and our member lawyers to deliver an affordable, but highly professional and effective service.

£ The right divorce lawyer at the right price

Not all divorces are the same. Family law and divorce cases all differ considerably in complexity from one another. For this reason, it is important that you're matched to the best solicitor for your individual circumstances. If the matter is straightforward, you will simply require a junior family lawyer who can help you with the paperwork and ensure everything is administered correctly and legally.

In more complex situations, the level of expertise and experience of the lawyer will have a much broader bearing on the outcome of the matter and so it is important that you carefully consider whom to instruct. We can help you with those decisions and ensure that you engage with the right lawyer, at the right price. We act as a kind of legal concierge in these situations - ensuring that you get the best service for your particular requirements.

Understanding that you are not the only one going through divorce can also be reassuring and the statistics below may just be something of a comfort.

WEDDINGS AND DIVORCES

When a relationship breakdown is looming suddenly it seems as if people are getting married all around you - you see wedding photoshoots in magazines, your favourite TV programme has a marriage storyline, someone at work announces the date for their wedding and gives you an invite. Yes, it can feel as if you are the only one whose relationship is not flourishing. But, this is just not true.

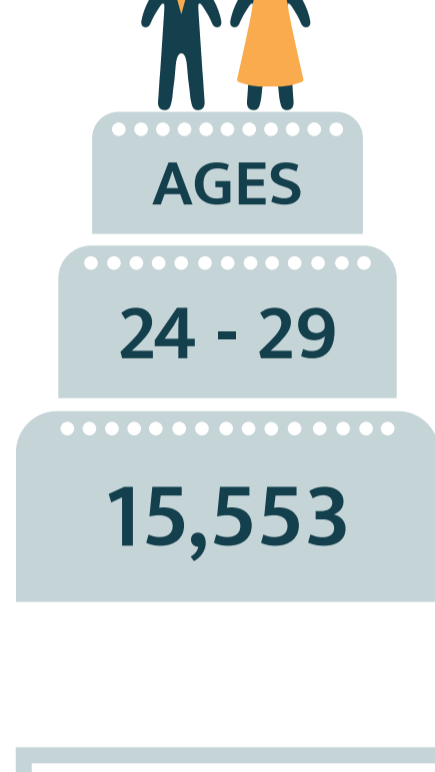
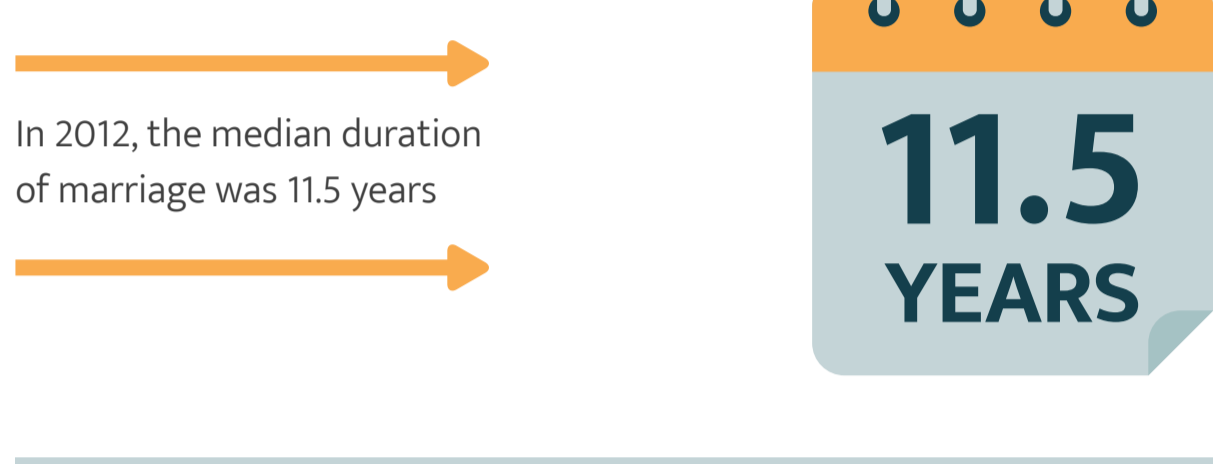


250,000



100,000

Each year, there are around 250,000 weddings which take place in the UK, but, there are also more than 100,000 divorces.



Of the divorcing couples, the highest number of splits (15,553) occurred between couples who were both aged between 24 & 29 when they married. Interestingly, there were ten divorces between couples where the husband was over 50 when he got married and the wife was under 20 (and only one split where the genders and ages were reversed).

DIVORCE AND CHILDREN

48%

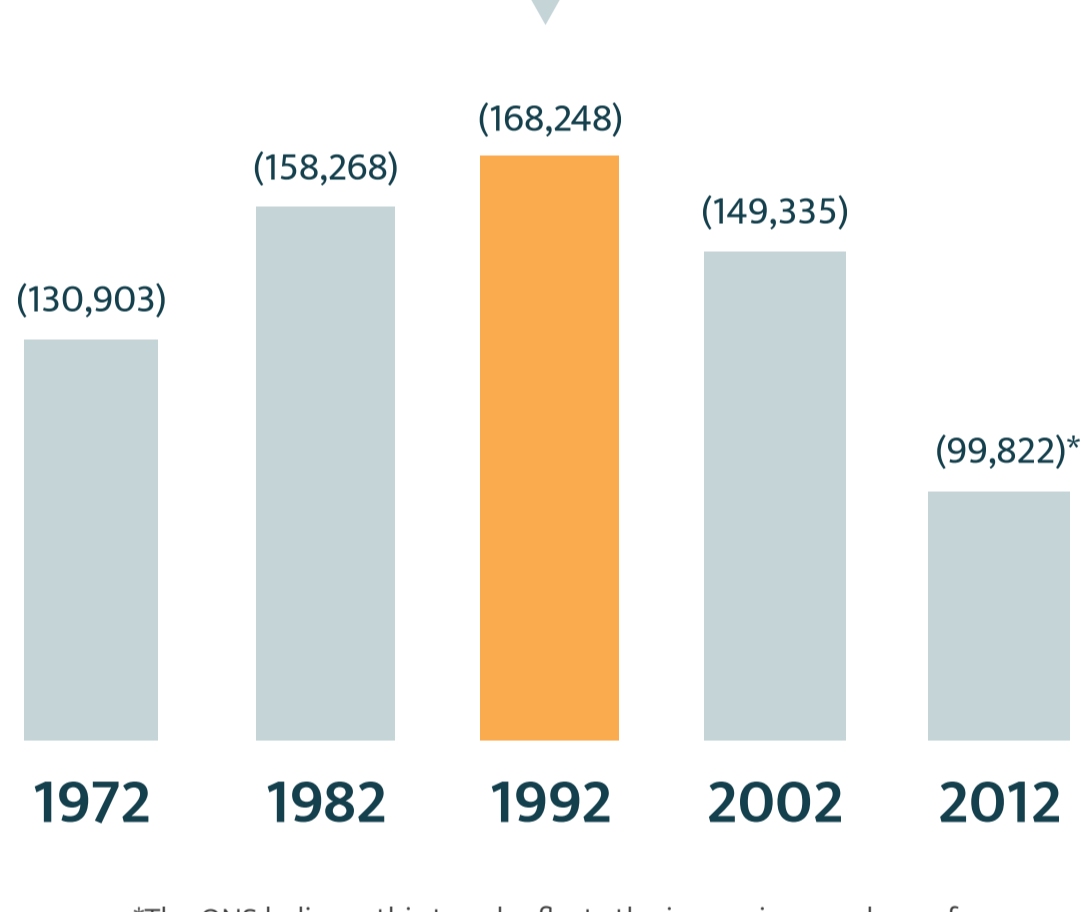


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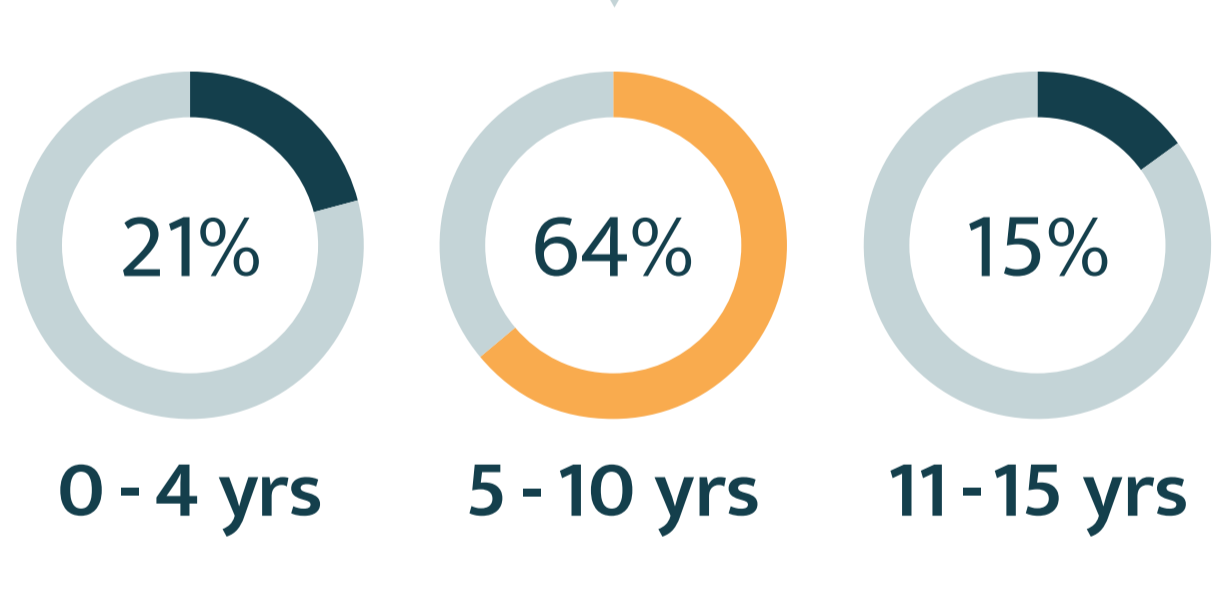
Almost half of all the couples who divorced in 2012 had at least one child living at home who was under the age of 16.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS DIVORCED



*The ONS believes this trend reflects the increasing numbers of children whose parents are cohabiting.

AGES OF CHILDREN WHEN THEIR PARENTS GOT DIVORCED IN 2012

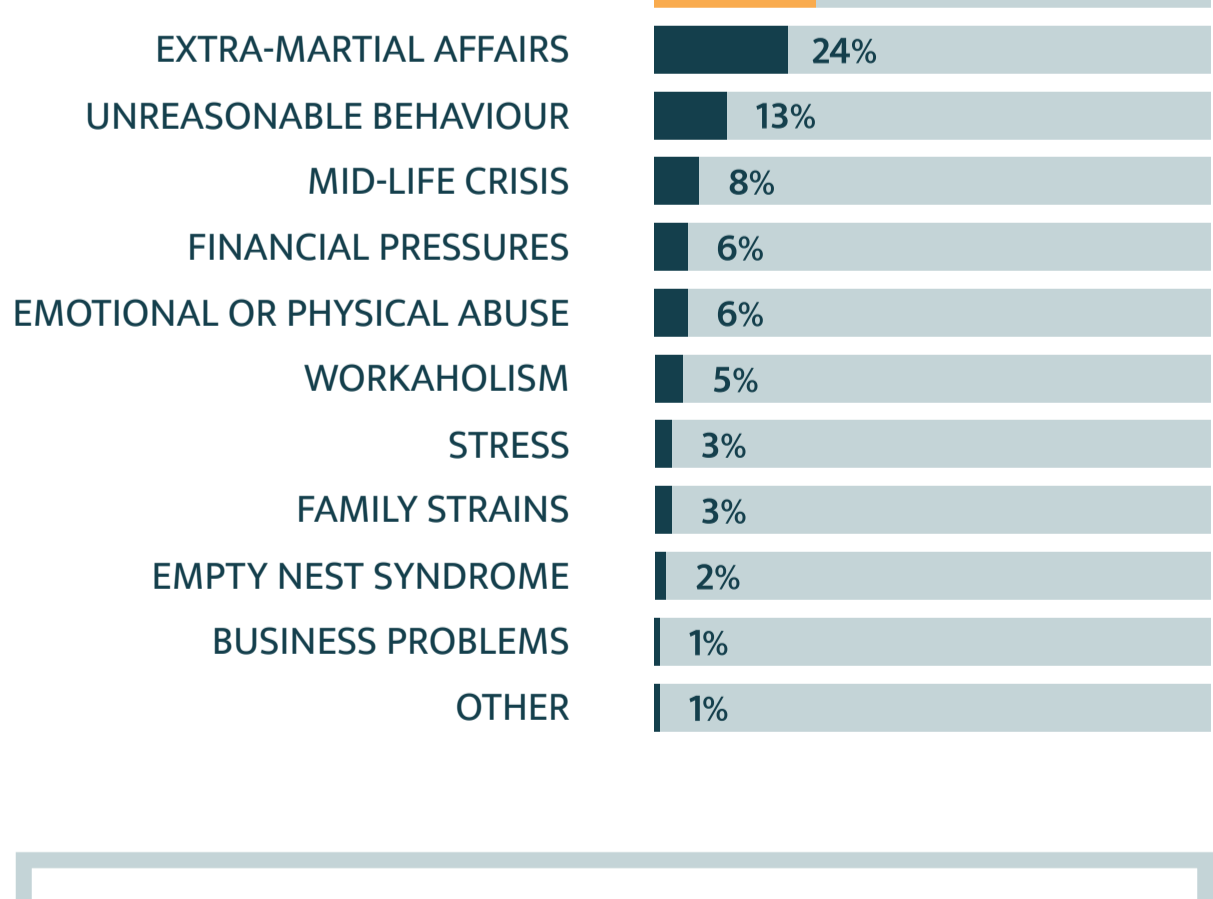


*All above statistics from Office for National Statistics

When thinking about children there's no best time to divorce, but childhood specialists know that children, whatever their age, whose parents are unhappy can suffer emotional problems similar to those whose parents are divorced. Family breakdown does not have to be the worst thing that will happen to children and with love, support and contact with both parents who collaborate respectfully in their care, all children can flourish.

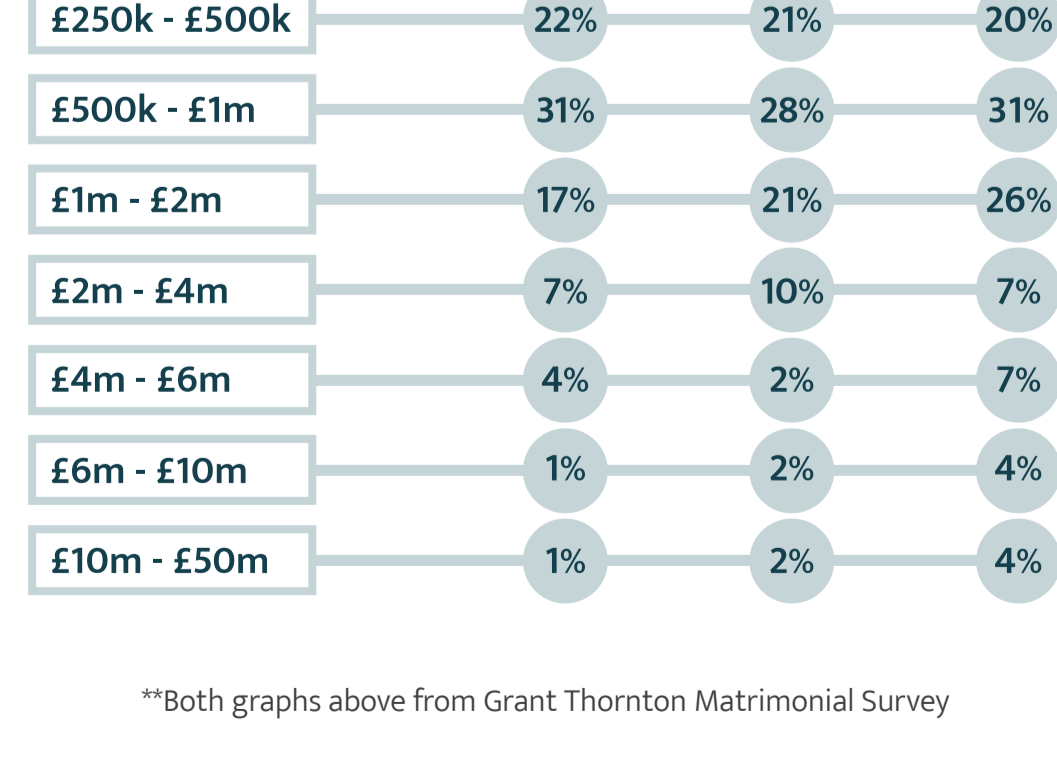
REASONS FOR DIVORCE

When relationship breakdown occurs it is common for spouses to feel that they are the only person to have ever experienced the pain and heartbreak of things going wrong. From extra-marital affairs to workaholism, there are many reasons why marriages fall apart and it is almost guaranteed that someone, somewhere has gone through what you are going through.



VALUE OF DIVORCE ASSETS

And when it comes to the money, recent statistics show that the value of divorce financial settlements (up to 2013, at least) were generally getting bigger.



**Both graphs above from Grant Thornton Matrimonial Survey

THE RIGHT DIVORCE LEGAL ADVICE, AT YOUR SERVICE

Whether you are just contemplating the idea of divorce, or you are in the midst of tricky financial settlement negotiations and feel you need a change of solicitor, Oratto can make sure you are put in contact with the right legal practitioner for your personal circumstances.

Our members are specialists and they have handled some of the most complex, high-value, high-profile divorce cases across the UK. When you come to Oratto, our priority is always to find you the right solicitor for your needs. We can help you find the most suitable practitioner or you can browse through our member solicitors' profiles and choose the solicitors you would like to make contact with.

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