



Divorce Cost Estimator

Divorce can feel overwhelming, especially when you're not sure what it may cost. Use this estimator for a general cost range and then talk with a qualified family-law attorney for guidance in your state.

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Before you estimate: your situation matters

This Divorce Cost Estimator gives a general range of potential costs for divorce in the United States. Every family situation is different, and costs can change based on your state and the details of your case.

We're not a law firm, and we can't provide legal advice. The goal is to help you plan and ask better questions when you meet with an attorney.

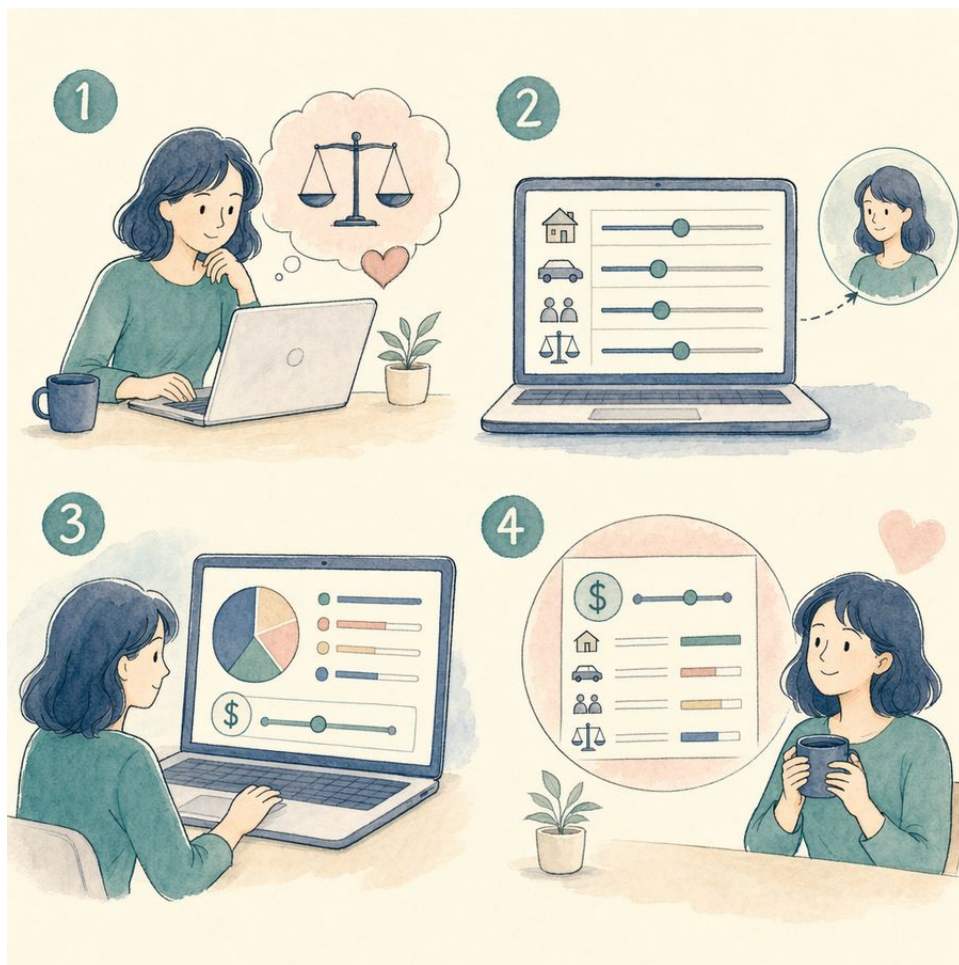
If you're dealing with safety issues or urgent deadlines, consider getting help right away. Court timelines and required paperwork can vary by state.

How to use the estimator (simple steps)

Answer a few questions about your case. The tool will combine those answers into a "likely range" of costs. Use the range to plan, not to make final decisions.

Try to choose options that match your current situation—not what you hope happens. If you're unsure, pick the most accurate option you can and then confirm details with an attorney.

After you get an estimate, you can use it to prepare questions such as: What's included in attorney time? What costs might come from court filings, required documents, or specialists?



What can affect divorce costs the most

Costs often increase when a divorce is contested, complex, or requires more court steps. Things like disagreements about parenting time, support, or property can take more time to resolve.

Even if you and your spouse agree on many issues, paperwork and court procedures still take time. Also, timelines can affect costs—some cases move faster than others, and some take longer due to negotiations or hearings.

Below are common factors to consider. You'll see similar choices in the estimator, but this list can also help you understand what might drive cost up or down.

Common cost drivers (use as a checklist)

Use this checklist to think through your answers. If something applies, it may affect the estimate.

For example, a divorce that's settled early with a clear agreement often uses less attorney time than a case that needs multiple court hearings.

If you share kids, property, or debt, costs may also depend on whether you need additional help to complete paperwork and agreements.

- Whether you and your spouse can agree (uncontested) or you disagree (contested)
- Whether there are children and any parenting plan details that must be decided
- Whether spousal support or child support is part of the case
- Whether you need help dividing property or handling debts
- Whether the divorce is filed with no major disputes vs. requires multiple negotiations or hearings
- Whether you need services from specialists (for example, financial professionals) in your state and situation



How to plan your next steps after you get a range

A cost range can help you set expectations and prepare. It can also help you decide what information to gather before you talk to an attorney.

Consider making a simple list of documents you have and what you may need. Examples can include marriage information, income details, addresses, and any records related to children or property. Your attorney can tell you what's required in your state.

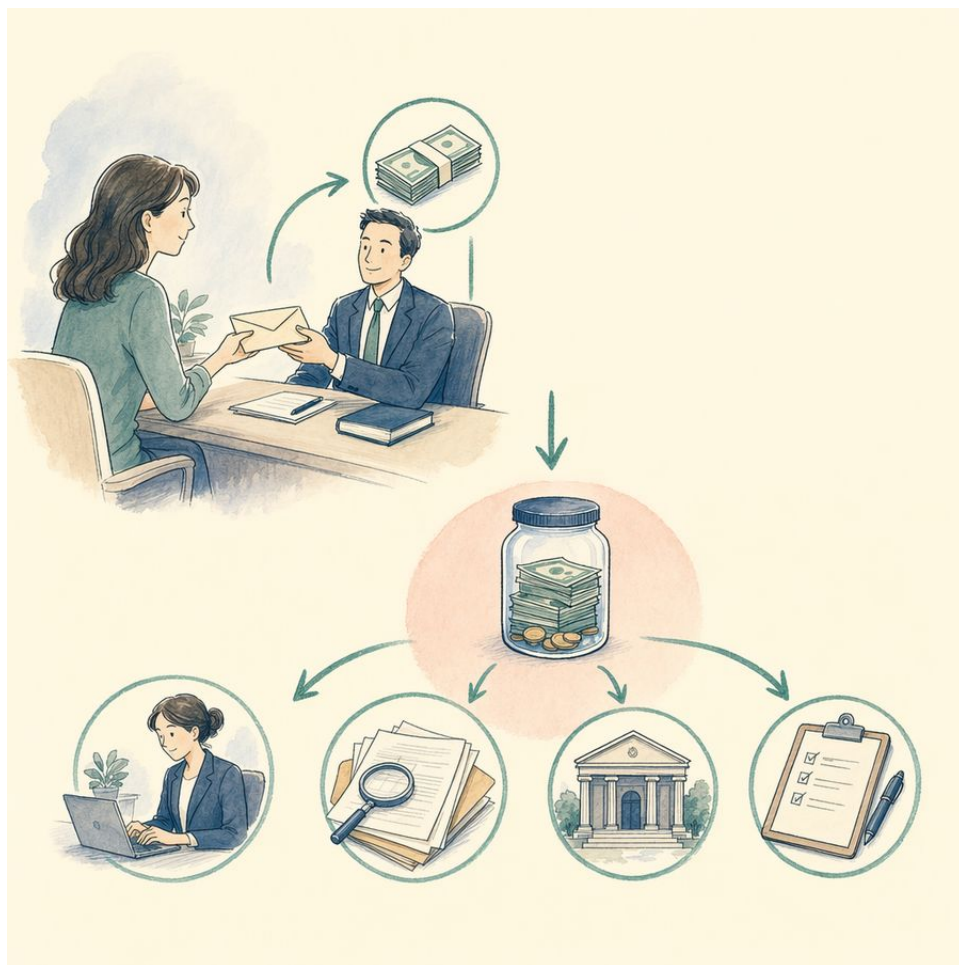
If costs feel too high, you still have options to explore. Many attorneys may offer different ways to work together, such as limited-scope help for certain tasks. You can ask what options exist in your area, based on your situation.

Get matched with a family-law attorney to confirm what applies in your state

After you use the estimator, you may want to confirm the estimate with a qualified family-law attorney. Family law rules and procedures vary by state, and details that seem small can affect the process.

If you'd like help finding an attorney who handles family law cases, you can get matched with a family-law attorney. This can help you ask the right questions using the estimate you just received.

To learn more about the basics of the divorce process, you can also visit our divorce guides.





In plain English: Use this tool to get a general cost range for divorce, then confirm details with a qualified family-law attorney in your state.

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