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Legal aid statistics April – June 2026

The statistics which can be reported are still affected by the cyber incident from 2025. Official statistics are available for: Crime representation orders, Litigator fee scheme, Advocate fee scheme, Central Funds, Higher Courts, Crime Lower, Legal Help completions, Mediation outcomes, Exceptional case funding and Civil Representation.

Information remains unavailable for: Criminal high cost claims, legal help starts and mediation starts. It is intended to report on these as soon as possible.

While figures have been released for civil representation, the system backlog and restart date in December 2025 means that data for these shows an above average volume of starts, grants and completions. It is anticipated that this backlog and temporary increase in workload and expenditure will return nearer to normality within a few quarters. However, statisticians warn that care should be taken when comparing to the same period in the previous year.

Figures covering completions in legal help, mediation and crime lower are provided and are drawn from the new data collection system. Where required, comparisons below use the equivalent period from two years ago due to the impact from the cyber-attack in 2025.

Civil closed case expenditure increased by 14% this quarter compared to April to June 2024	↗	This is driven by family public law work, increasing by 30% over the same period.
The number of Mediation Information and Assessment Meetings decreased by 3% compared with the same quarter of 2025.	↗	Mediation outcomes increased by 15% compared with April to June 2025.
Applications for civil representation supported by evidence of domestic violence or child abuse increased by 2% when compared to 2024.	↗	The volume of these granted fell by 4% compared to the same period of 2024. The proportion granted is 83% having fallen from 87% two years ago.
1,007 applications for Exceptional Case Funding were received in the last quarter.	↘	This is a 9% increase from the same quarter last year. This is driven by a decrease in the family category. (sic)

Although the workload for family and non-family cases is similar, comprising 34,938 and 42,684 cases in April to June 2026 respectively, non-family cases make up only around a fifth of total civil legal aid expenditure (21%).

Civil overview	**Workload**	**Expenditure**
Civil	83,310 (42%➚)	£308.9m (110%➚)
Family (no Mediation)	34,938 (98%➚)	£244.7m (127%➚)
Non-Family	42,684 (20%➚)	£ 62.3m (67%➚)

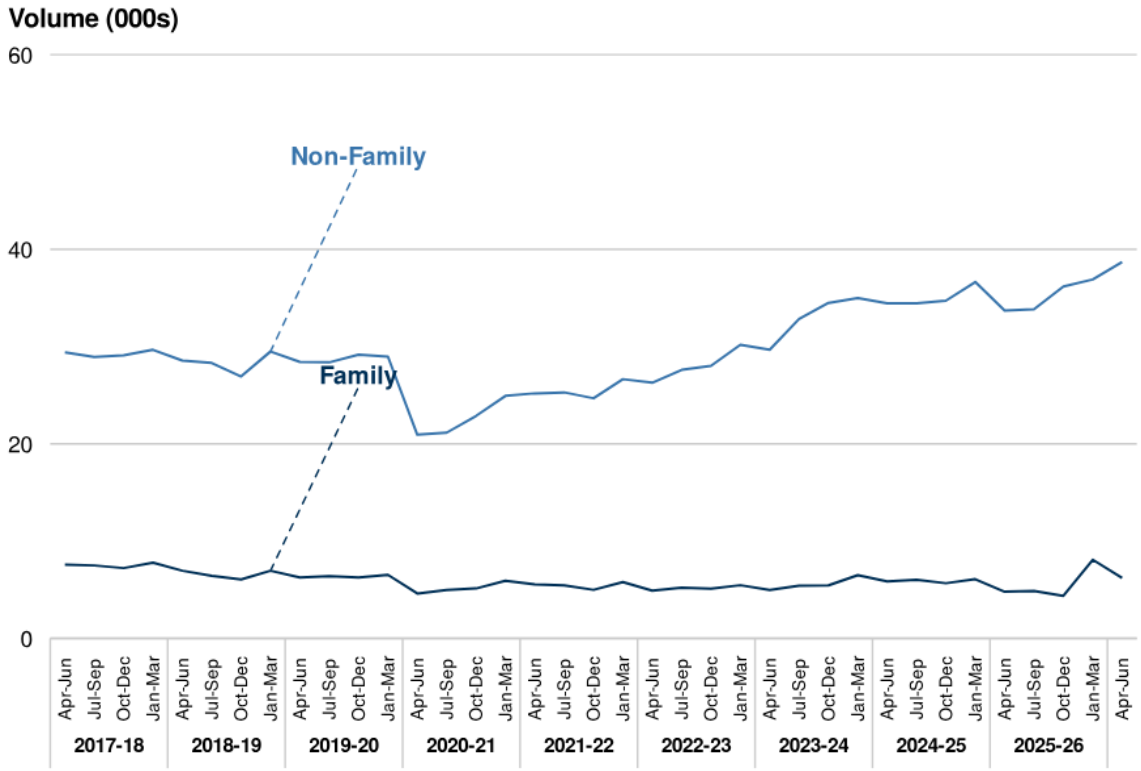
Family category	**Workload**	**Expenditure**
Family Public	21,840 (99%➚)	£188.8m (132%➚)
Family Private	(96%➚)	£ 55.9m (109%➚)
Mediation and MIAMS*	5,688 (4%➚)	£ 1.9m (11%➚)
Non-Family category	**Workload**	**Expenditure**
Immigration	19,131 (27%➚)	£ 18.8m (40%➚)
Mental Health	9,462 (9%➚)	£ 16.4m (57%➚)
Housing	8,587 (15%➚)	£ 7.3m (85%➚)
Other Non-Family	5,504 (27%➚)	£ 19.7m (109%➚)

*Mediation and MIAMS are not included in the Family total.

Legal help and controlled legal representation

The implementation of LASPO in April 2013 resulted in large reductions in legal help and workload now sits at less than one-quarter of pre-LASPO levels. In the last quarter, the volume of completed claims increased by 17% and expenditure increased by 26% in April to June 2026 compared to the same period in 2025, see below .

Completed workload in legal help and controlled legal representation, April to June 2016 to April to June 2026



Family mediation assessments, starts and agreements, April to June 2016 to April to June 2026

The volume of MIAMs decreased by 3% in the last quarter compared to the previous year and total outcomes increased by 15% and are now sitting at around half of pre-LASPO levels (see below).

