

Payment Duration Chart

Type of Settlement	Typical Duration	Notes
 Lump-Sum Settlement	One-time (immediate or within months)	Covers property division or to replace ongoing support.
 Property Settlement	Permanent	Once assets are transferred, no further obligations.
 Spousal Support (Alimony)	Temporary: 1–5 years Reimbursement: Until repaid Permanent: Until remarriage, cohabitation, or death	Varies by marriage length & state law.
 Child Support	Until child turns 18 (21 in some states, longer if disabled)	Some states extend to college expenses.
 Retirement Division (QDRO, IRA)	One-time division at settlement	No ongoing payments; funds split and remain until retirement.
 Business / Debt Settlements	Months to years until obligation is met	Structured buyouts or debt repayment schedules.