

Report Price: £1995.00 | \$2693.85 | €2245.17

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.



"Price comparison websites dominate the insurance market, but are less prevalent in other areas of financial services. More needs to be done to improve the search journey for products like current accounts and credit cards, such as by offering better filtering tools and capturing consumer preferences."

- Jessica Galletley, Senior Financial Services
Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- The tech threat: should existing providers fear the likes of Amazon?
- Rewards breed false loyalty

Consumers have mostly positive experiences of using price comparison websites, with the majority recognising that this is often the only way to find the best deal for a product. However, they still experience frustrations, namely having to use multiple sites to check for the best deal and receiving irrelevant product suggestions.

Price comparison websites are well suited to searching for insurance, where consumers prioritise the overall cost of the product. However, for other products, more factors come into play, and this is when people are more likely to encounter issues, resulting in lower purchase rates.

BUY THIS REPORT NOW

VISIT: store.mintel.com

CALL:EMEA
+44 (0) 20 7606 4533

Brazil 0800 095 9094

Americas +1 (312) 943 5250

+86 (21) 6032 7300

APAC +61 (0) 2 8284 8100

EMAIL: reports@mintel.com

DID YOU KNOW?

This report is part of a series of reports, produced to provide you with a more holistic view of this market



Report Price: £1995.00 | \$2693.85 | €2245.17

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.

Table of Contents

Overview

What you need to know

Products covered in this Report

Executive Summary

The market

DCTs market study identifies opportunities for improvement

Increasing competition will bring both opportunities and challenges

Companies and brands

Comparethemarket.com is the most popular PCW for finance

Figure 1: Price comparison websites used for researching financial services products, September 2018

PCWs are viewed positively, but need to do more to differentiate

Figure 2: Attitudes towards and usage of selected brands, August 2018

Banks adopt marketplace models

Amazon rumoured to be launching an insurance PCW

Advertising spend remains steady in 2017/18

Figure 3: Total above-the line, online display and direct mail advertising expenditure by price comparison websites on financial services, 2013/14-2017/18

The consumer

PCWs most popular for comparing insurance

Figure 4: Products researched through a price comparison website, September 2018

High purchase rates for insurance following research

Figure 5: Products purchased through a price comparison website, by products researched through a price comparison website, September 2018

Open Banking could help solve product frustrations

Figure 6: Frustrations experienced when using a price comparison website, September 2018

Two in five would give a PCW access to their data

Figure 7: Likelihood of sharing financial data with a price comparison website, September 2018

Security needs to be guaranteed if brands want people to share data

Figure 8: Concerns with sharing data with a price comparison website, September 2018

One PCW isn't sufficient for research

Figure 9: Attitudes towards price comparison websites, September 2018

What we think

Issues and Insights

The tech threat: should existing providers fear the likes of Amazon?

The facts

The implications

Rewards breed false loyalty

The facts

BUY THIS REPORT NOW VISIT: store.mintel.com

CALL: EMEA +44 (0) 20 7606 4533 | Brazil 0800 095 9094 Americas +1 (312) 943 5250 | China +86 (21) 6032 7300



Report Price: £1995.00 | \$2693.85 | €2245.17

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.

The implications

The Market - What You Need to Know

DCTs market study identifies opportunities for improvement

Increasing competition will bring both opportunities and challenges

Market Environment

CMA's market study identifies opportunities for improvement

Increasing competition will bring both opportunities and challenges

Companies and Brands - What You Need to Know

Comparethemarket.com is the most popular PCW for finance

PCWs are viewed positively, but need to do more to differentiate

Banks adopt marketplace models

Amazon rumoured to be launching an insurance PCW

Advertising spend remains steady in 2017/18

Market Share

Comparethemarket.com is the most popular PCW for finance

Figure 10: Price comparison websites used for researching financial services products, September 2018

A third have used only one site

Figure 11: Number of price comparison websites used to research financial services products, September 2018

Brand Research

What you need to know

Brand map

Figure 12: Attitudes towards and usage of selected brands, August 2018

Key brand metrics

Figure 13: Key metrics for selected brands, August 2018

Moneysupermarket.com is most closely associated with trust

Figure 14: Attitudes, by brand, August 2018

Comparethemarket.com most strongly associated with fun

Figure 15: Brand personality – macro image, August 2018

Confused.com and Gocompare.com viewed less favourably than other brands

Figure 16: Brand personality – micro image, August 2018

Brand analysis

Comparethemarket.com stands out from other leading PCWs

Figure 17: User profile of Comparethemarket.com, August 2018

Figure 18: User profile of Moneysupermarket.com, August 2018

uSwitch.com viewed positively despite lower usage

Figure 19: User profile of uSwitch.com, August 2018

Confused.com takes on new brand image

BUY THIS REPORT NOW VISIT: store.mintel.com

CALL: EMEA +44 (0) 20 7606 4533 | Brazil 0800 095 9094 Americas +1 (312) 943 5250 | China +86 (21) 6032 7300



Report Price: £1995.00 | \$2693.85 | €2245.17

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.

Figure 20: User profile of Confused.com, August 2018

Gocompare.com looks to grow as an independent company

Figure 21: User profile of Gocompare.com, August 2018

Launch Activity and Innovation

Accepted-only product results

Figure 22: Realrates.com results image

Automated switching

Do we need a comparison site for comparison sites?

Amazon rumoured to be launching an insurance PCW

Reverse marketplace Honcho set to launch

Banks adopt marketplace models

Advertising and Marketing Activity

Advertising spend remains steady in 2017/18

Figure 23: Total above-the line, online display and direct mail advertising expenditure by price comparison websites on financial services, 2013/14-2017/18

Comparethemarket.com remains as the highest spender

Figure~24: Total~above-the~line,~online~display~and~direct~mail~advertising~expenditure~by~price~comparison~websites~on~financial~services,~by~advertiser,~2015/16-2017/18

TV accounts for more than two thirds of total spend

Figure 25: Total above-the line, online display and direct mail advertising expenditure by price comparison websites on financial services, by media type, 2017/18

Nielsen Ad Intel coverage

The Consumer - What You Need to Know

PCWs most popular for comparing insurance

High purchase rates for insurance following research

Open Banking could help solve product frustrations

Two in five would give a PCW access to their data

Security needs to be guaranteed if brands want people to share data

One PCW isn't sufficient for research

Product Research

Two in three use PCWs to search for insurance...

...but other financial services products lag behind

Figure 26: Products researched through a price comparison website, September 2018

Younger users more likely to use PCWs for more than just insurance

Figure 27: Products researched through a price comparison website, by age, September 2018

Purchase Activity

${\bf 3}$ in ${\bf 4}$ go on to purchase car insurance after researching it

Figure 28: Products purchased through a price comparison website, by products researched through a price comparison website, September 2018

Frustrations Using Price Comparison Websites

Open Banking could help solve product frustrations

BUY THIS REPORT NOW

VISIT: store.mintel.com

CALL: EMEA +44 (0) 20 7606 4533 | Brazil 0800 095 9094 Americas +1 (312) 943 5250 | China +86 (21) 6032 7300



Report Price: £1995.00 | \$2693.85 | €2245.17

The above prices are correct at the time of publication, but are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.

Figure 29: Frustrations experienced when using a price comparison website, September 2018

Faster applications times are a key selling point

Non-insurance customers more likely to have experienced frustrations

Figure 30: Frustrations experienced when using a price comparison website, by products researched, September 2018

Data Sharing with Price Comparison Websites

Two in five would give a PCW access to their data

Figure 31: Likelihood of sharing financial data with a price comparison website, September 2018

Likelihood to share data is higher among younger generations

Figure 32: Likelihood of sharing financial data with a price comparison website, September 2018

Important Factors When Sharing Data

Users will expect sensible use of their data

Security needs to be guaranteed if brands want people to share data

Figure 33: Concerns with sharing data with a price comparison website, September 2018

Attitudes towards Price Comparison Websites

One PCW isn't sufficient for research

Figure 34: Attitudes towards price comparison websites, September 2018

Regular usage will make apps more relevant

FinTech bank marketplace models appeal to comfortable Millennials

Figure 35: Price Comparison Websites in Financial Services - CHAID - Tree output, September 2018

Appendix - Data Sources, Abbreviations and Supporting Information

Abbreviations

Consumer research methodology