

# budget worksheet

The following information and worksheets are designed to help you anticipate the expenses associated with planning your wedding. To establish a budget first is very important to avoid disappointments and disagreements. One thing everyone agrees on is that the reception is the single largest expense – and can be controlled by the number of guests invited. You will find for many categories a percentage of the overall budget typically spent on those services. Be mindful that these are averages only, ranging from the simplest to the most elegant weddings.

	<u>Your Cost</u>		<u>Your Cost</u>
<b><u>Bride's Wedding Attire</u></b> 10%	_____	<b><u>Photography/</u></b>	
Bridal Gown	_____	<b><u>Videography</u></b> 10%	_____
Headpiece/Veil	_____	Engagement Photo	_____
Alterations	_____	Formal Portrait	_____
Shoes	_____	Wedding Album & Photos	_____
Undergarments	_____	Parent's Albums	_____
Jewelry	_____	Extra Prints	_____
Accessories	_____	Photographer's Fee	_____
Trousseau	_____	Other	_____
Hair & Makeup	_____		
		<b><u>Videography</u></b>	_____
<b><u>Other Attire</u></b>	_____	Ceremony	_____
Mother of Bride's Attire	_____	Reception	_____
Mother of the Groom's Attire	_____	Extra Copies of Video	_____
Bride Attendants' Apparel	_____	Other	_____
Groom's Attendants' Apparel	_____		
		<b><u>Stationery</u></b> 4%	_____
<b><u>Formal Wear</u></b>	_____	Invitations	_____
Groom's Tuxedo/	_____	Announcements	_____
Shoes/Accessories	_____	Response Cards	_____
Father of the Bride's Attire	_____	Thank-you Notes	_____
Father of the Groom's Attire	_____	Ceremony Programs	_____
		Calligraphy/Addressing	_____
<b><u>Reception</u></b> 50%	_____	Postage	_____
Site Rental	_____	Printed Napkins	_____
Caterer/Food	_____	Guest Book & Pen	_____
Wedding Cake & Groom's Cake	_____	Save-the-date Cards	_____
Beverages	_____	Other	_____
Favors	_____		
Decorations (other than flowers)	_____		
Rental Supplies (Linens, China, Tables, Chairs)	_____		
Additional Services (Servers, Bartenders,	_____		
Valet Parking)	_____		
Taxes & Gratuities	_____		



**PLAN THE PERFECT DAY**



**CAKES, FLOWERS,  
BEVERAGES, CATERING,  
CHOCOLATE FOUNTAINS**

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**Flowers** 10% \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_  
 Altar/Huppah \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pew Markers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bride's Bouquet \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bride's Bouquet Preservation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attendants' & Flower Girls' Bouquets \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mothers' & Grandmothers' Corsages \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boutonnieres (Groom, Groomsmen,  
 Fathers, Grandfathers, Ushers, Ring Bearers) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reception \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cake Table \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buffet Table \_\_\_\_\_  
 Head Table(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Centerpieces for other tables \_\_\_\_\_  
 Decorating \_\_\_\_\_  
 Helpers/Special Guests/Host Couples \_\_\_\_\_  
 Readers/Musicians/Vocalists \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Music/Entertainment** 10% \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reception \_\_\_\_\_

**Extras which include:** 6% \_\_\_\_\_  
Ceremony \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church/Ceremony Site \_\_\_\_\_  
 Officiant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organist \_\_\_\_\_  
 Musicians/Soloist \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marriage License \_\_\_\_\_  
 Aisle Runner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candles \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tent/Huppah \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limousine/Carriage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Rehearsal Dinner** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site Rental \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food/Caterer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Invitations \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Budget** \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Bride \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Groom \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Bride's Attendants \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Groom's Attendants \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Honeymoon** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accommodations \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daily Budget \_\_\_\_\_

**Wedding Consultant** \_\_\_\_\_

