

Wedding Budget

YOUR TOTAL BUDGET:

\$ _____

When it comes to spending five figures of your (or your parents') hard-earned bucks, the power invested in you is not to be taken lightly. Use these suggested percentages as a guideline to figure out how much to allot to each component. (Adjust the numbers as you wish; just make sure the total adds up to 100 percent.) To manage expenses, consider installing computer software like the iDo Wedding Couple Edition (www.elmssoftware.com, \$30), which tabulates amounts you plug in. (For a printable copy of this worksheet, go to www.realsimple.com/weddingbudget.)

SUGGESTED PERCENTAGES	BUDGETED AMOUNT	VENDOR ESTIMATE	AMOUNT SPENT
Reception (50 percent)			
Venue and rentals			
Food and service			
Beverages			
Cake			
Miscellaneous fees			
Attire (10 percent)			
Gown and alterations			
Headpiece and veil			
Bridal accessories			
Hair and makeup			
Groom's tux. or suit			
Groom's accessories			
Miscellaneous fees			
Flowers and Decorations (10 percent)			
Floral arrangements for ceremony			
Flower girls' buds and basket			
Ring pillow			
Bride's bouquet			
Bridesmaids' bouquets			
Boutonnieres			
Corsages			
Reception decorations			
Lighting			
Miscellaneous fees			
Music (10 percent)			
Ceremony musicians			
Cocktail-hour musicians			
Reception band, deejay, or entertainment			
Sound-system or dance-floor rental			
Miscellaneous fees			

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Photographs and Video (10 percent)			
Photography			
Videography			
Additional prints and albums			
Miscellaneous fees			
Favors and Gifts (3 percent)			
Welcome gifts for out-of-town guests			
Bridal-party gifts			
Miscellaneous fees			
Ceremony (2 percent)			
Site fee			
Officiant fee or church donation			
Miscellaneous fees			
Stationery (2 percent)			
Save-the-date cards			
Invitations and RSVPs			
Programs			
Seating and place cards			
Menu cards			
Thank-you notes			
Postage			
Miscellaneous fees			
Wedding Rings (2 percent)			
Bride's ring			
Groom's ring			
Transportation (1 percent)			
Limousine or car rental for bride and groom			
Limousine or car rental for bridal party			
Transportation for out-of-town guests			
Valet parking			
Miscellaneous fees			

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