

# 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.

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

- Wedding Receptions
- Large or Small
- On-Site Catering
- Inside or Outside
- Dance Floor & Lights
- Customized Menus
- Affordable



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<b>FLOWERS</b> 10%	<b>YOUR COST</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>YOUR COST</b>
Ceremony	_____	Limousine/Carriage	_____
Altar/Huppah	_____	Other	_____
Pew Markers	_____		
Bride's Bouquet	_____	<b>REHEARSAL DINNER</b>	_____
Bride's Bouquet Preservation	_____	Site Rental	_____
Attendants' & Flower Girls' Bouquets	_____	Food/Caterer	_____
Mothers' & Grandmothers' Corsages	_____	Invitations	_____
Boutonnieres (Groom, Groomsmen, Fathers, Grandfathers, Ushers, Ring Bearers)	_____	Other	_____
Reception	_____	<b>GIFT BUDGET</b>	_____
Cake Table	_____	For Bride	_____
Buffet Table	_____	For Groom	_____
Head Table(s)	_____	For Bride's Attendants	_____
Centerpieces for other tables	_____	For Groom's Attendants	_____
Decorating	_____	For Parents	_____
Helpers/Special Guests/Host Couples	_____	Other	_____
Readers/Musicians/Vocalists	_____		
Other	_____	<b>HONEYMOON</b>	_____
		Transportation	_____
<b>MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT</b> 10%	_____	Accommodations	_____
Ceremony	_____	Daily Budget	_____
Reception	_____		
		<b>WEDDING CONSULTANT</b>	_____
<b>EXTRAS WHICH INCLUDE:</b> 6%			
<b>CEREMONY</b>	_____		
Church/Ceremony Site	_____		
Officiant	_____		
Organist	_____		
Musicians/Soloist	_____		
Marriage License	_____		
Aisle Runner	_____		
Candles	_____		
Tent/Huppah	_____		