



Your Wedding-Budget Worksheet

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.elmsoftware.com, \$30), which tabulates amounts you plug in. (For a printable copy of this worksheet, go to [www.realsimple.com/wedding budget](http://www.realsimple.com/wedding-budget).)

| 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 girl's 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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| SUGGESTED PERCENTAGES | BUDGETED AMOUNT | VENDOR ESTIMATE | AMOUNT SPENT |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Photographs and Video (10 percent) | | | |
| Photography | | | |
| Videographer | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| Officiate 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 | | | |

TOTAL SPENT:

\$