

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. You will also find a dollar range spent by brides for many items. Remember these are averages designed only to help you in the initial stages of your planning. We have noted on the left who traditionally pays these expenses—Bride (B), Groom (G), Bride's Family (BF), Groom's Family (GF), Individual (I) or Couple (C).

		<u>Avg. Cost</u>	<u>Your Cost</u>
BF	BRIDE'S WEDDING ATTIRE 9%	\$400–\$2,000	_____
	Bridal Gown		_____
	Headpiece / Veil		_____
	Alterations		_____
	Shoes		_____
	Undergarments		_____
	Jewelry		_____
	Accessories		_____
	Trousseau		_____
	Hair & Makeup		_____
	OTHER ATTIRE		_____
BF	Mother of the Bride's Attire		_____
GF	Mother of the Groom's Attire		_____
I	Bride's Attendant's Apparel		_____
I	Groom's Attendant's Apparel		_____
	FORMAL WEAR 1%		_____
G	Groom's Tuxedo / Shoes / Accessories	\$75–\$150	_____
BF	Father of the Bride's Attire	\$75–\$150	_____
GF	Father of the Groom's Attire	\$75–\$150	_____
	CEREMONY 5%	\$700–\$1,000	_____
BF	Church / Ceremony Site		_____
G	Officiant		_____
BF	Organist		_____
BF	Musicians / Soloist		_____
G	Marriage License		_____
BF	Aisle Runner		_____
BF	Candles		_____
BF	Tent / Huppah		_____

BF	RECEPTION (150)	40%	\$5,000–\$10,000	_____
	Site Rental			_____
	Caterer / Food			_____
	Wedding Cake & Groom's Cake		\$300–\$800	_____
	Beverages (Wine / Beer / Liquor)			_____
	Champagne			_____
	Favors			_____
	Decorations (other than flowers)			_____
	Rental Supplies (Linens, China, Tables, Chairs)			_____
	Additional Services (Servers, Bartenders, Valet Parking)			_____
	Taxes and Gratuities			_____
B	BRIDESMAIDS LUNCHEON			_____
BF	PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY	12%	\$1,000–\$3,000	_____
	Engagement Photo			_____
	Formal Portrait			_____
	Wedding Album & Photos			_____
	Parent's Albums			_____
	Extra Prints			_____
	Photographer's Fee			_____
	Other			_____
BF	VIDEOGRAPHY			_____
	Ceremony			_____
	Reception			_____
	Extra Copies of Video			_____
	Other			_____
BF	STATIONERY	4%	\$250–\$800	_____
	Invitations			_____
	Announcements			_____
	Response Cards			_____
	Thank-you Notes			_____
	Ceremony Programs			_____
	Calligraphy / Addressing			_____
	Postage			_____
	Printed Napkins			_____
	Guest Book & Pen			_____
	Other			_____

	FLOWERS	9%	\$500–\$1500	_____
	• Ceremony			_____
BF	Altar / Huppah			_____
BF	Pew Markers			_____
G	Bride's Bouquet			_____
BF	Bride's Bouquet Preservation			_____
BF	Attendant's Bouquets			_____
G	Mothers' & Grandmothers' Corsages			_____
G	Boutonnieres (Groom, Groomsmen, Fathers)			_____
	• Reception			_____
BF	Cake Table			_____
BF	Buffet Table			_____
BF	Head Table(s)			_____
BF	Centerpieces for other Tables			_____
BF	Decorating			_____
BF	Helpers / Special Guests			_____
G	Going Away Corsage			_____
	Other			_____
	RINGS			_____
G	Engagement Ring		\$500–\$1,500	_____
G	Bride's Wedding Band		\$300–\$600	_____
B	Groom's Wedding Band		\$450–\$600	_____
BF	MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT	4%	\$600–\$1,250	_____
	Ceremony			_____
	Reception			_____
BF	TRANSPORTATION	1%	\$175–\$500	_____
	Limousine / Carriage			_____
	Other			_____
GF	REHEARSAL DINNER	25 people	\$500–\$750	_____
	Site Rental			_____
	Food / Caterer			_____
	Beverages (Wine / Beer / Liquor)			_____
	Other			_____
	GIFT BUDGET		\$500	_____
G	For Bride			_____
B	For Groom			_____
B	For Bride's Attendants			_____
G	For Groom's Attendants			_____
C	For Parents			_____
	Other			_____
G	HONEYMOON	12%	\$1400	_____
	Transportation			_____
	Accommodations			_____
	Daily Budget			_____
BF	WEDDING CONSULTANT			_____