



BUDGET ALLOCATOR

Staying in control of the budget is challenging. Once you have a good idea how much money you have to spend, the following will give you an excellent breakdown of where you might expect your money to go. Percentages are based upon a national average of wedding expert's opinions. This is only an average. Feel free to adjust them to your needs. Every wedding is different, so some of the dollar amounts will seem high or low. The one thing most brides, grooms and parents agree on is that the money spends quickly. Use the following only as a guide and remember that if you save money in a particular category, the savings can be used in another. **These percentages are for the wedding day and do not include the honeymoon or rings.**

CATEGORY	%	Wedding Day Budget Amounts					Your Budget
		\$18,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$60,000	
Attire Gown, shoes, jewelry, hair, tux, etc	11%	1,980	2,750	3,300	4,950	6,600	_____
Ceremony Site fee, officiant, license, decor, etc	2%	360	500	600	900	1,200	_____
Flowers Bouquets, etc for ceremony & reception	8%	1,440	2,000	2,400	3,600	4,800	_____
Gifts Presents for the ceremony & reception	2%	360	500	600	900	1,200	_____
Music Ceremony, cocktail hour & reception	8%	1,440	2,000	2,400	3,600	4,800	_____
Miscellaneous Everything else & the unexpected	6%	1,080	1,500	1,800	2,700	3,600	_____
Photo/Video Albums, prints & discs	9%	1,620	2,250	2,700	4,050	5,400	_____
Reception Food, beverage, cake, staff, rentals, etc	49%	8,820	12,250	14,700	22,050	29,400	_____
Stationery Invitations, postage, cards & programs	3%	540	750	900	1,350	1,800	_____
Transportation Lodging, limos, shuttles & parking	2%	360	500	600	900	1,200	_____

Calculate your dollars by multiplying your budget by the category percentages listed to see how you compare. Example: 'Your Budget' multiplied by the 'category percent' equals the 'category amount'. Let's say you have a \$23,000 budget and you want to determine how much to expect to spend on flowers. Take your calculator and enter 23,000 and multiply it by .08 (8%) to get that amount (\$1840).

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