

Budget Breakdown

The contents below are examples of the average percentages allocated for each section of your wedding day to help you determine your overall budget. Keep in mind not all sections will apply to you.

- Catering and beverage: 30 - 35%
- Venue (ceremony + reception): 10 - 12%
- Full-Service Wedding Planner: 15 - 18%
- Event Management Wedding Planner: 8 -10%
- Officiant: 1%
- Photographer: 7 - 10%
- Videographer: 4 - 5%
- Band: 7- 10%
- DJ: 2- 5%
- Florist: 8 - 10%
- Rentals/Decor: 7 - 10%
- Bride and Groom's Attire: 5 - 10%
- Wedding Stationery: 3 - 4%
- Hair and Makeup: 3 - 4%
- Transportation: 2 - 3%
- Cake/Dessert: 2 - 3%
- Favors/gifts: 1 - 2%
- Cushion: 5 - 15%
- Other: attendant gifts, parent gifts, rings/accessories, guest book, thank you cards, vendor tips, alterations, etc.

Tips

- Find out who will be paying for what when determining your initial budget.
- Consider the guest list - the guest list size will increase or decrease your overall budget. For tented and/or private estate weddings, you need at least \$700 budgeted per guest to execute an average tented wedding.
- Your budget will increase or decrease depending on the time of year you're getting married.
- Ask yourself what is or is not important for you to include on your wedding day and prioritize.
- Ask yourself where do you want to spend a little extra and where do you want to cut cost?
- To help you stay on budget, create a budget tracker and try to stick to the budget!