

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.

spent on those services. Be mindful that these are averages only. Remember these are averages designed only to help you in the initial stages of your planning.

*Totals may exceed 100%

The reception is the single largest expense – and can be controlled by the number of guests invited. You will find for many categories a range of the overall budget typically

	BUDGETED COST	ACTUAL COST
CONSULTANT (10%)		
ATTIRE & BEAUTY (8-11%)		
Bridal gown		
Headpiece/veil		
Alterations		
Shoes		
Undergarments		
Jewelry		
Accessories		
Hair & makeup		
Groom's tuxedo/shoes/accessories		
Bride's wedding band		
Groom's wedding band		

	BUDGETED COST	ACTUAL COST
CEREMONY (3-5%)		
Church/ceremony site		
Officiant		
Organist		
Musicians/soloist		
Marriage license		

	BUDGETED COST	ACTUAL COST
RECEPTION (40-50%)		
Site rental		
Caterer/food		
Wedding cake & groom's cake		
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		

	BUDGETED COST	ACTUAL COST
STATIONERY (2-4%)		
Invitations		
Announcements		
Response cards		
Thank-you notes		
Ceremony programs		
Calligraphy/addressing		
Postage		
Printed napkins		
Guest book & pen		
Other		

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BUDGETED COST ACTUAL COST

PHOTOGRAPHY (8-10%)

Engagement photo		
Formal portrait		
Wedding album & photos		
Parents' albums		
Extra prints		
Photographer's fee		
Other		

VIDEOGRAPHY (2-5%)

Ceremony		
Reception		
Extra copies of video		
Other		

REHEARSAL DINNER (25 GUESTS)

Site rental		
Food/caterer		
Beverages (wine/beer/liquor)		
Other		

FLOWERS – CEREMONY (2-4%)

Altar/huppah		
Pew markers		
Bride's bouquet		
Bride's bouquet preservation		
Attendant's bouquets		
Mothers' & grandmothers' corsages		
Boutonnieres (groom, groomsmen, fathers)		

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FLOWERS – RECEPTION (4-6%)

Cake table		
Buffet table		
Head table(s)		
Centerpieces for other tables		
Decorating		
Helpers/special guests		
Toss bouquet		
Other		

MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT (4-6%)

Ceremony		
DJ		
Live band		

TRANSPORTATION (1-2%)

Limousine/carriage		
Other		

GIFTS & FAVORS (1-2%)

Attendants' gifts		
Parents' gifts		
Wedding favors		
Tips for services		

HONEYMOON (8-10%)

Transportation		
Accommodations		
Daily budget		