

Wedding Budget Guidelines

Remember, this is simply a guideline to help you determine the value you should be budgeting (out of your total budget) for each category listed.

Insert Total Budget Value: _____

Reception Venue and Catering 40%:

*This should include venue or tent, rental, tables, chairs, basic linens, china, stemware, flatware and food.

Bar: 10%

This should include both alcohol and non alcohol beverages, bartending staff, tax, and tip.

Ceremony Décor 3%:

*This should include bridal party flowers, personal family flowers, and ceremony arrangements.

Reception Décor 10%

This should include reception centerpieces, specialty linens, ice sculptures, and lighting.

Entertainment 6%:

This includes for a DJ or Band, and things such as a photo booth, as well as there tip.

Photography and Video 15%:

*This may or may not include your wedding album.

Cake 3%:

*This may or may not include a groom's cake.

Attire 7%:

*This should include the bride's gown, veil, jewelry, shoes, and the groom's tuxedo.

Stationery Needs 4%:

*This should include invitations, save the dates, printed programs, menu cards, and seating chart.

This should also include postage for mailing and RSVP.

Transportation 1.5%:

i.e. limo service/horse drawn carriage).

Miscellaneous: .5%:

*This includes your items like marriage license, officiate, toasting flutes, cake cutting set, unity candle, guest book and pen set, and favors.



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We do not recommend that you include the charges of wedding coordination services in your overall budget. Coordinators are able to provide vendor rates and opportunities that reduce your overall budget costs. The reduction in stress level provided, as well as the amount of time saved in your planning process overall, makes the service of a hired coordinator invaluable!

A few "tips on Tipping:

- Tipping is not mandatory.
- Tipping is done when you feel that a vendor and their staff have gone above and beyond in the service they have provided you.
- Tips should be made in cash when possible or provided by a check made out to the individual directly.