

Sample Wedding Budget

There are so many options when it comes to allocating your money. Whether your funds are limited or infinite, many couples find themselves overwhelmed at the prospect of putting together a budget for their big day. After agreeing on your total, here's a good starting point to break down your budget.

- 7% **Attire** (wedding gown, formalwear, rings, accessories)
- 2% **Beauty** (hair, makeup, spa services)
- 5% **Cake** (sweets, dessert bar)
- 2% **Ceremony** (venue, officiant)
- 7% **Entertainment** (DJs, bands, orchestras)
- 12% **Event Planner**
- 9% **Floral & Décor** (bouquets, boutonnieres, centerpieces)
- 5% **Other** (gifts, favors, rehearsal dinner)
- 10% **Photo & Video** (engagement session and wedding day)
- 40% **Reception** (venue, food, beverage, rentals)
- 5% **Stationery** (invitation suite, programs, menus, thank-you notes)
- 2% **Transportation** (limousine, trolley, classic car)



Tipping Guide

Aside from contracts that include it, tipping is never required. In instances when a vendor goes above and beyond, tipping is always greatly appreciated. But how much is enough to thank those who have helped make your big day extra special? We've got you covered!

- 13% Bartenders
- 15-20% Catering Managers
- \$1-2 Coat Check Attendants, per guest
- 15% DJ
- 15% Event Planner, or a gift valued up to \$500
- 10% Florist
- 15-20% Hair & Makeup Artists
- 15-20% Limo Driver
- \$20-50 Live Musicians, per member
- \$100-500 Officiant, additional to be donated to their institution
- 15-20% Photo & Video
- \$1-2 Valet Attendants, per car
- \$25+ Waitstaff, per server

THANK-YOU NOTE
DBY invitations

