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# Budget Worksheet

**Purpose:** Everything adds up, so keep meticulous track of every receipt and every little budget detail in one location. Insert a 3 hole zipper pouch after this section to keep your receipts in one place, or set aside a wedding receipt box or jar to keep everything in one place. You never know when you might need to look up something! Decide the financial priorities for each wedding category: spend money on important big ticket items that matter most first and then see what you have left for the rest.

## Directions:

1. For the **Initial Proposed Budget**, write down your initial thoughts on what you think you are planning to spend on your wedding and who will be contributing to wedding expenses and how much so that you know what big picture numbers you are working with to start with (Know that this is not the final budget, but will give you something to start with).
2. Use the **Top 10 Expenses** worksheet to prioritize your biggest expenses and decide on realistic budget ballparks for each category.
3. The **Wedding Budget** is the complete list of every expense for your wedding day. Keep track of all the little things that add up and add extra items as needed.
4. Record your **Grand Totals** for your:
  1. Estimated Budget
  2. Actual Budget

# Initial Proposed Budget

*First guess at how much each person is willing to spend on your wedding:*

Bride	\$ _____
Bride Parents	\$ _____
Groom	\$ _____
Groom Parents	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
Other _____	\$ _____
<b>Total Proposed Wedding Budget</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

# Top 10 Expenses

## Top 10 biggest/most important wedding expenses

1. Which of these top 10 categories are most important to you?
2. What do you think you want to spend on each category?

*Fill in the order of your priorities 1-10 and how much you plan to spend:*

Priority	Category	Low	Medium	High	I estimate to spend...
	<b>Venues</b> (Ceremony & Reception)	\$1,800	\$6,500	\$18,000	
	<b>Dress</b>	\$500	\$2,000	\$5,000	
	<b>Photographer</b>	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	
	<b>Videographer</b>	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	
	<b>Catering</b>	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	
	<b>Coordinator</b>	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$8,000	
	<b>DJ</b>	\$1,200	\$2,500	\$5,000	
	<b>Rentals</b>	\$500	\$2,000	\$10,000	
	<b>Wedding Bands</b>	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	
	<b>Florist</b>	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$10,000	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$32,000</b>	<b>\$82,000</b>	

*(This chart represents typical wedding expenses in Kern County as of 2022)*

# My Wedding Budget

Category	Estimate	Actual Cost	Who Pays?	PAID
<b>RINGS</b>				
Bride Band				
Groom Band				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>VENUES</b>				
Ceremony				
Reception				
Rehearsal Dinner				
Girls Preps				
Guys Preps				
Venue Security				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>PLANNING</b>				
Wedding Planner/Stylist				
Bridal Party Coordinator				
Ceremony Coordinator				
Reception Coordinator				

Category	Estimate	Actual Cost	Who Pays?	PAID
Venue Coordinator				
Wedding Insurance				
Vendor Tips				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>PHOTO &amp; VIDEO</b>				
Photographer				
Videographer				
Photo Booth & Props				
Instat & Film Cameras				
Photo Prints				
Vendor Tips				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>ATTIRE</b>				
Bride Dress				
Bride Veil				
Bride Jewelry				
Bride Shoes				
Bride Accessories				
Girls Robes				
Bridesmaid Jewelry				
Bridesmaid Accessories				
Groom Tux/Suit				

Category	Estimate	Actual Cost	Who Pays?	PAID
Groom Shoes				
Groom Accessories				
Groomsmen Tuxes/Suits				
Flower Girl Attire				
Ring Bearer Attire				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>PAPER GOODS</b>				
Save the Dates				
Invitation Suite				
Postage				
Address Labels				
Ceremony Programs				
Menus				
Table Plans/Place Cards				
Table Numbers				
Bridal Shower Thank You Cards				
Wedding Thank You Cards				
Guestbook & Pens				
Reception Program				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>CEREMONY</b>				
Marriage License Fee				

Category	Estimate	Actual Cost	Who Pays?	PAID
Name Change Paperwork				
Officiant Fee				
Pre-marital Counseling				
Ring Bearer Pillow/Box				
Flower Girl Basket/ Flower Petals				
Vow Books				
Unity Candle/Sand/Other				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>CATERING &amp; DESSERTS</b>				
Cake Tastings				
Catering Tastings				
Cocktail Hour Appetizers				
Dinner Meal				
Servers Fee				
Drinks				
Bartending Fee				
Cake				
Other Sweets				
Late Night Food				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>FLORALS</b>				
Bride Bouquet				
Bridesmaid Bouquets				

Category	Estimate	Actual Cost	Who Pays?	PAID
Mother Corsages				
Flower Crowns				
Boutonnieres				
Ceremony Florals				
Reception Florals				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>BEAUTY</b>				
Pre-wedding Facial				
Pre-wedding Massage				
Pre-wedding Hair Cut Bride				
Pre-wedding Hair Cut Groom				
Bride Hair Trial				
Bride Makeup Trial				
Bride Hairstyle				
Bride Makeup Artist				
Bridal Party Makeup				
Hair & Makeup Supplies				
Perfume				
Bride Nails				
Vendor Tips				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>RENTALS &amp; DECOR</b>				
Fancy Dress Hangers				



Category	Estimate	Actual Cost	Who Pays?	PAID
Ring Boxes				
Other Flat Lay Details				
Audio-Video Rentals				
Tent Rental				
Tables				
Chairs				
Silverware				
Dinnerware				
Glassware				
Linens				
Table Centerpiece Details				
Bar Rental				
Lounge Area Furniture				
Backdrop/Photo Wall				
Balloon Display				
Ceremony Altar Rental				
Card Basket/Box				
Up-lights Rentals				
String Lights				
Monogram				
Giant Letters (LOVE)				
Neon Name Signs				
Dance Floor				
Bounce House				

Category	Estimate	Actual Cost	Who Pays?	PAID
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>SIGNAGE</b>				
Banners				
Signage				
Calligrapher				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>MUSIC &amp; ENTERTAINMENT</b>				
Live Music Ceremony				
Live Music Cocktail Hour				
Live Music Reception				
DJ & MC				
Live Entertainment				
Vendor Tips				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Girls Transport to Ceremony				
Guys Transport to Ceremony				
Bride & Groom Transport to Reception				
Bridal Party Transport to Reception				
Guest Shuttles & Transportation				
Vendor Tips				

Category	Estimate	Actual Cost	Who Pays?	PAID
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>ACCOMODATIONS</b>				
Bride & Groom Accommodations (Night Before)				
Bridal Party Accommodatinos				
Important Guests Accommodations				
Childcare for Children				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>GIFTS</b>				
Gift for Bride				
Gift for Groom				
Gifts for Bridesmaids				
Gifts for Groomsmen				
Gifts for Bride Parents				
Gifts for Groom Parents				
Party Favors				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>OTHER PARTIES &amp; EVENTS (Venue, Catering, Decor, Etc.)</b>				
Engagement Party				
Bridal Showers				
Bachelorette Party				

Category	Estimate	Actual Cost	Who Pays?	PAID
Bachelor Party				
Rehearsal Dinner				
<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>HONEYMOON</b>				
Flights				
Passports & Documents				
Parking Fees				
Car Rentals				
Taxis				
Hotels/Resort				
Honeymoon Attire				
Romantic Dinners				
Excursions				
House Sitter				
Travel Tips				
<b>Subtotal</b>				

Grand Total Estimate Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total Actual Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_