FREE PRINTABLE · WEDDING COST CHEAT SHEET

What Does a Wedding Cost?

The latest US averages on one page, plus a worksheet to compare them with your own quotes.

$34,200	$36,000	117	$292
average wedding The Knot 2026	average wedding Zola 2026	average guest count	average cost per guest

By guest count

1-50 guests	**$17,100**
51-100 guests	**$27,200**
Over 100 guests	**$43,300**

By budget range

Budget up to $15K	**$8,900**
$15K to $40K	**$26,400**
Over $40K	**$70,300**

By region

Mid-Atlantic	**$48,400**
New England / Northeast	**$46,600**
South / Southeast	**$31,300**
West	**$31,300**
Southwest	**$30,800**
Midwest	**$29,000**

Not in the average

Engagement ring	**$4,600**
Rehearsal dinner	**$2,800**
Honeymoon	**$5,500**

Averages are pulled up by big weddings. Use them as a guide, not a target.

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Average Cost by Category vs. Your Numbers

Write your real quotes next to the national average. Circle the 3 categories that matter most to you and look for savings in the rest.

Category	US average	My quote	My budget
Reception venue	**$12,900**		
Catering	**$80 per person**		
Reception live band	**$4,500**		
Photographer	**$3,000**		
Wedding rings	**$3,000**		
Alcohol	**$2,800**		
Flowers	**$2,800**		
Videographer	**$2,300**		
Planner / coordinator	**$2,100**		
Wedding dress	**$2,100**		
Event rentals	**$2,000**		
Lighting and decor	**$1,900**		
Reception DJ	**$1,800**		
Non-musical entertainment	**$1,500**		
Transportation	**$1,100**		
Wedding cake	**$540**		
Invitations and stationery	**$510**		
Favors	**$480**		
Additional jewelry	**$390**		
Officiant	**$260**		
Hairstylist (per person)	**$150**		
Makeup artist (per person)	**$150**		
Other:			
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Average total wedding	**$34,200**		

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Average Wedding Cost by State

Ceremony and reception only (no engagement ring). Most expensive: New Jersey ($57,000). Least expensive: Wyoming ($17,000).

Alabama	**$27,000**	Montana	**$21,000**
Alaska	**$19,000**	Nebraska	**$22,000**
Arizona	**$27,000**	Nevada	**$21,000**
Arkansas	**$19,000**	New Hampshire	**$37,000**
California	**$39,000**	New Jersey	**$57,000**
Colorado	**$31,000**	New Mexico	**$22,000**
Connecticut	**$42,000**	New York	**$49,000**
Delaware	**$39,000**	North Carolina	**$29,000**
Florida	**$33,000**	North Dakota	**$22,000**
Georgia	**$29,000**	Ohio	**$28,000**
Hawaii	**$33,000**	Oklahoma	**$19,000**
Idaho	**$18,000**	Oregon	**$23,000**
Illinois	**$38,000**	Pennsylvania	**$36,000**
Indiana	**$24,000**	Rhode Island	**$51,000**
Iowa	**$21,000**	South Carolina	**$35,000**
Kansas	**$20,000**	South Dakota	**$21,000**
Kentucky	**$23,000**	Tennessee	**$24,000**
Louisiana	**$34,000**	Texas	**$31,000**
Maine	**$37,000**	Utah	**$18,000**
Maryland	**$38,000**	Vermont	**$47,000**
Massachusetts	**$45,000**	Virginia	**$34,000**
Michigan	**$29,000**	Washington	**$26,000**
Minnesota	**$28,000**	West Virginia	**$19,000**
Mississippi	**$21,000**	Wisconsin	**$29,000**
Missouri	**$26,000**	Wyoming	**$17,000**

OUR STATE AVERAGE _____ **OUR TOTAL BUDGET** _____

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