

THE WEDDING BUDGET WORKSHEET

A realistic, peaceful guide to mapping out your celebration funds.

A Note From Chris

When most couples hear the word "budget," they instantly feel a wave of anxiety. But after 35 years in this industry, I want to let you in on a little secret: a budget isn't a restriction on your joy—it's a tool for your peace of mind.

Your budget is simply a map that helps you put your money where your meaning is. If gorgeous photography matters more to you than elaborate floral arches, give yourself permission to spend there! There are no rules on how to distribute your funds, only what feels true to the celebration you want to share with those you love.

Use this worksheet to outline your high-level targets, track your actual costs, and keep a transparent view of your details. When you hold the reins of your finances, you can walk toward your wedding day with confidence, clarity, and absolutely no stress.

Wishing you a stress-free planning journey,
Chris Ramsay

Founder, Well Chosen Weddings

My Budget Overview

OVERALL TARGET BUDGET	TOTAL ESTIMATED SPEND	TOTAL ACTUAL PAID
\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$36,500.00

EXPENSE CATEGORY / ITEM	EST. COST	ACTUAL COST	PAID / DEPOSIT
Venue & Catering			
Venue Rental Fee	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food & Beverage	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

EXPENSE CATEGORY / ITEM	EST. COST	ACTUAL COST	PAID / DEPOSIT
Service Fees & Taxes	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Photography & Media			
Wedding Photographer	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Videographer	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Attire & Beauty Prep			
Wedding Gown & Alterations	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Suits / Tuxedo Rentals	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hair & Makeup	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Entertainment & Music			
Ceremony Musician(s)	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reception DJ / Band	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flowers, Decor & Rentals			
Bridal Party Florals	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reception Decor / Lighting	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Logistics & Paper Goods			
Coordinator / Planner	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stationery & Postage	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
License & Officiant	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The "Just-In-Case" Buffer			
Emergency Reserve	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

MY PERSONAL BUDGET NOTES

Write any specific budget priorities, payment due dates, or vendor notes here...

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