YOUR ULTIMATE Wedding BUDGET

CONGRATS- YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED!

Before you tie the knot, though, take a look at our handy wedding guide and keep your budget in check at the same time!

Average wedding cost: Did you know it costs the typical American couple $33,000 to get married? With some careful planning, you can bring that number way down without skimping on the wedding of your dreams.



VENUE



AVERAGE COST **$16,100**

Save big:

- Choose a non-peak to get married, like midweek or midwinter.
- Pick a venue that allows outside vendors.
- Spread the expense by opening a Club Account at your credit union. Then, set up an automatic monthly transfer to build savings that can help cover the costs of your wedding.
- If you dare, choose a venue that's off the beaten track, like an art gallery or a vacation home.

MUSIC



AVERAGE COST **$3,000**

FLOWERS & DECOR



AVERAGE COST **$2,534**

Save big:

- Choose flowers that are in season now and are grown locally.

WEDDING CAKE



AVERAGE COST **$600**

Save big:

- Fake your display cake and have a sheet cake ready to serve your guests.
- Skip the cake and set up a dessert bar instead.

GROOM'S ATTIRE



AVERAGE COST **$300**

Save big:

- Shop all year round to take advantage of seasonal sales.

PHOTOGRAPHER



AVERAGE COST **$3,250**

Save big:

- Fly in a cheaper photographer from abroad.
- Find a student or hobbyist photographer who will do the job for cheap or free.
- Rent or borrow a quality camera and ask a friend to snap some pictures instead of hiring a professional.

WEDDING DRESS



AVERAGE COST **$1,564**

Save big:

- Look for a beautiful, pre-owned gown on eBay, OnceWed.com or PreOwnedWeddingDresses.com.
- Look for a gown that wasn't designed as a wedding dress.

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