

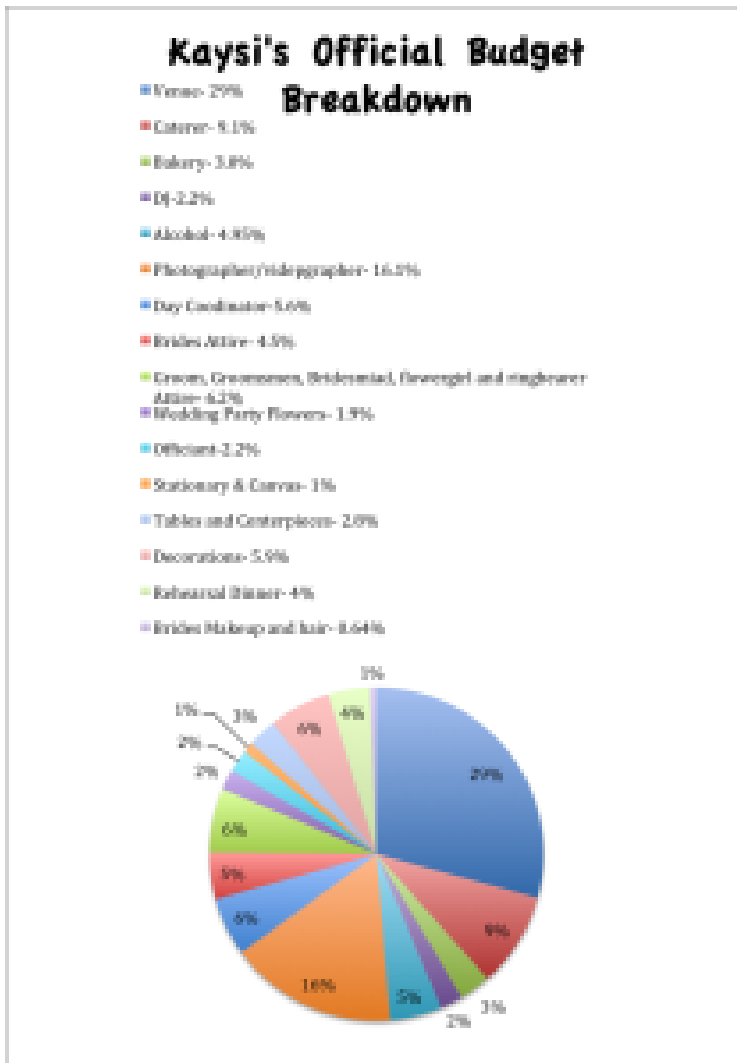
# Kaysi's Official Budget Breakdown



Hey Everyone,

When I set my budget amount I wanted to make sure I was spending the right amount of money on certain things and not going overboard on things I didn't need. I looked on Pinterest to see what percentage of the budget other people were spending on certain things, and compared it to what I was spending. I wanted to see if I was on track with everyone else. I soon realized that I was under the percentages of most people, especially on catering, bridal attire and stationery. Throughout my wedding planning experience I tried to save money and get the best deals on everything I could, so my numbers didn't match up to anyone. So, I wanted to write a blog about my experience with the percentage of my budget that went with each category. I made a pie chart to give you a visual breakdown, but let me list out what all I got in each

category:



Venue- The venue was my largest percentage, but I rented the chapel and event center for my ceremony and reception area. I also had access to the facility for rehearsal.

Photographer/Videographer- This was my 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest expense, and totally worth it!! For 16.1% of my budget I had 2 photographers and 2 videographers for the whole day of my wedding. The photographer included engagement photo session and bridal photo session.

Caterer- Next was the catering service. I received a buffet style service that included a full meal for 100 guests. I had a BBQ menu with 3 meats, 4 sides, a salad, a roll and 4 drink choices.

Groom, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids, Flower Girl and Ringbearer Attire– I actually thought this would be a higher portion of my budget considering all I received. I was excited it was only 6.2%, however I did save money by having a small wedding party. The 6.2% made up of 4 tuxedo rentals, 3 bridesmaid dresses and jewelry, flower girl dress and jewelry, and a ring bearer pants, shirt, shoes, bowtie and suspenders.

Decorations-It didn't seem like I spend 5.9% of my budget on decorations, but it added up quick. The decorations portion included, but not limited to, archway, DIY photo booth, flowers, vases, candles, 7 signs, frames, chalk boards, light-up LOVE sign, lanterns, rose pedals etc...

Day Coordinator– If you are on a tight budget this is one way to eliminate extra cost. You can hire a friend or family member to do this cheaper. I am glad I had a coordinator though. My day coordinator helped me create a wedding timeline, organized rehearsal, called all of my vendors the day before to make sure they were coming, help set-up, kept the wedding on schedule and helped cleanup.

Alcohol– This portion of my budget was high because my facility required a police officer and a licensed bartender, which cost a lot more than I thought! For 4.95% of my budget I got beer, wine, frozen strawberry daiquiris, custom koozies, bartender and a police officer.

Bride's Attire- This included my dress, alterations, shoes, and jewelry. This was my favorite purchase!

Rehearsal Dinner– We invited the grandparents, wedding party and their families. We had a total of 34 people and we rented a room at a local BBQ restaurant.

Bakery– My husband's favorite purchase was the cakes! The 3% of the budget included a cake tasting, a 2-tier cake, a 1-tier cake, 8 dozen cupcakes, one dozen chocolate covered strawberries and the delivery/set-up fee.

Tables and Centerpieces- My 12 tables were gorgeous! For 2.8% of budget I bought my own tablecloths, made my own centerpieces for 6 tables and had flowers on the other 6. In this I included silverware, plates, cups, napkins, centerpiece supplies, kids table activities, picture frames, wood slices, coasters and tablecloths.

DJ- The DJ I selected was 2.2% of my budget. He played the music for my ceremony and for the reception. He also brought lights.

Officiant- The 2.2% included a meeting with the officiant before the wedding, attendance to rehearsal, and to officiant the wedding.

Wedding Party Flowers- I saved a lot of money on flowers by using silk instead of real flowers. The 1.9% included the bride's bouquet, 3 bridesmaid bouquets, one toss bouquet, 3 groomsmen boutonnieres, 5 corsages for the Moms and Grandmas, and 2 boutonnieres for the Dads.

Stationery and Canvas- I saved money by making my own invitations on vistaprint.com, designing and printing my own RSVP cards and advice cards. I ordered my canvas and photos off of snapfish.com using a coupon so the order was half the price.

Bride's Hair and Makeup- Every bride has to get hair and makeup done. The 0.64% included an up-do, full makeup and traveling fee at the venue.

This is the breakdown to my budget; I hope it can help you in some way! Thank you for visiting my blog! Head over to "Ways to Cut Costs On your Wedding" for tips on how I saved money! <http://everythingkaysi.com/?p=226>

