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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR WEDDING BUDGET

FOOD TRENDS

Plan your dream wedding day, and keep your wedding finances in check! In this post, you'll find tips and resources

When you're ready to plan the menu for your big day, reach out to our team at Avalon Catering! We have over three decades of experience with helping couples navigate planning for their big day. In addition to helping you find

catering options in your budget, we also offer full wedding planning, décor and floral design, equipment rentals, vendor recommendations, and more! Featured image (above) by Farrah Power.

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to understand and make the most of your wedding budget.

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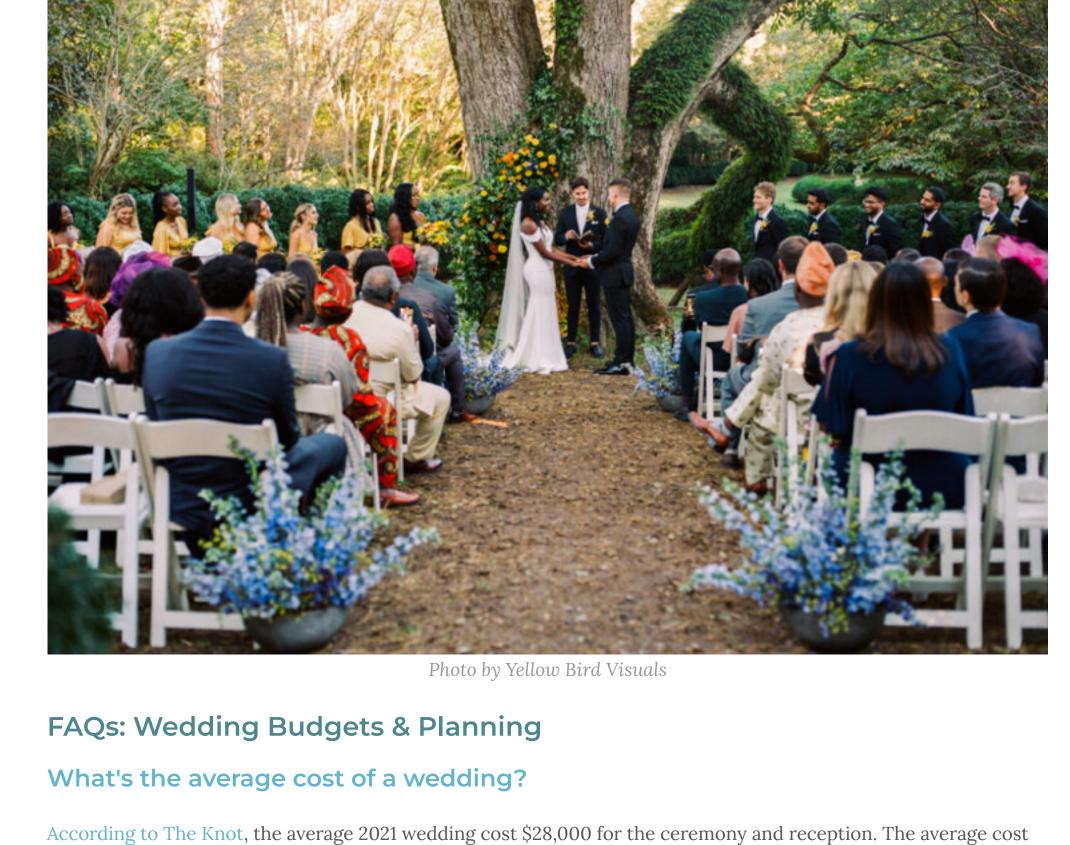
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Of course, the short answer is – it's a deeply personal choice that varies from couple to couple! That said – in 2021,

How much should I spend on a photographer, caterer, venue, dress, - everything!

• Venue: \$10,700

some average wedding prices included:

per guest was \$266.

• Photographer: \$2,500 • Wedding Dress: \$1,800

In our experience, the things that wedding guests tend to remember the most strongly are the overall "feel" of a

In addition to catering, it can also be worth investing in high-quality photography and/or videography to capture

wedding (the aesthetic or venue, as well as whether they enjoyed themselves) – and of course, the food!

Most often, Avalon Catering's clients spend between \$15,000-20,000 on catering-related costs for their big day.

the memories of your special day.

What is the average wedding guest count?

you might be able to outsource to a professional instead.

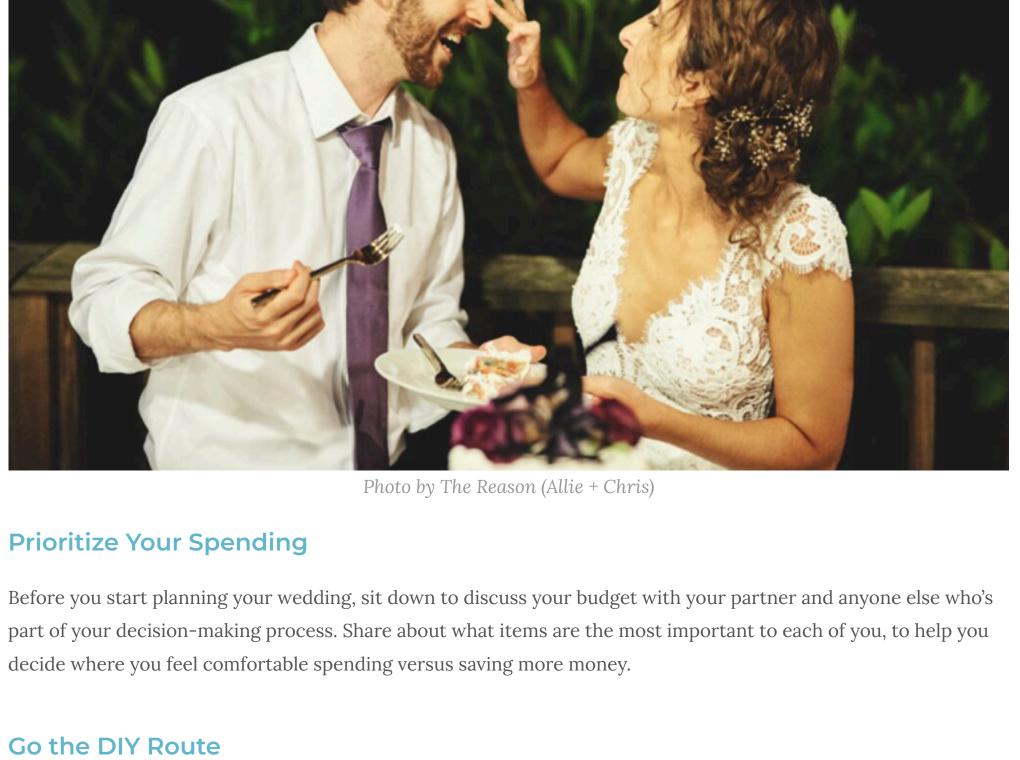
• Florist: \$2,300

• Cake: \$500

According to The Knot study linked above, the average wedding in 2021 hosted 105 guests.

How much time will I spend planning my wedding? Couples spend an average of 6 hours per week planning their wedding! If that sounds daunting, consider what tasks

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Have a pizza party with some friends to help you stuff envelopes or delegate tasks that speak to their strengths! For instance – maybe your aunt loves to arrange flowers, or the members of your wedding party have great

handwriting to address envelopes. As a bonus, everyone will feel included in making your big day a success!

Are there parts of a wedding that just don't fit your style? Remember, it's your day – so make it yours!

Some fun, budget-friendly ways to get creative at your wedding include: • Incorporate disposable cameras or instant Polaroid cameras for guests to take photos.

• Choose a unique venue that speaks to you. Check rental home listings (just be sure the host allows parties!) or

Save on printing and postage with digital Save the Dates and reply options. Many wedding planning websites like

The Knot, Wedding Wire, Zola, and others offer options for both print and/or digital invites, plus RSVP tracking

Carry over the age-old tradition of "something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue."

Don't be afraid to bring used and borrowed items into your vision. Tablecloths, vases, attire, jewelry - all can add

• Not big on dancing? Opt for an elegant dinner party! Or maybe you only want to dance – skip the seated dinner! • Prefer cookies to cake? Skip the cake and have a cookie bar! • Ask your vendors! If there is something you envision but doesn't fit in the budget, work with them to create an

think about places you love to be – like your favorite library or park.

• Not big on crowds? Narrow down the guest list to your nearest and dearest.

- in-budget alternative. Use Digital Save the Dates & RSVPs
- Upcycle Your "Something Old" & "Something Borrowed"

special meaning and elegance to your day, on a budget!

Get Creative!

and gift registry tools!

budget!

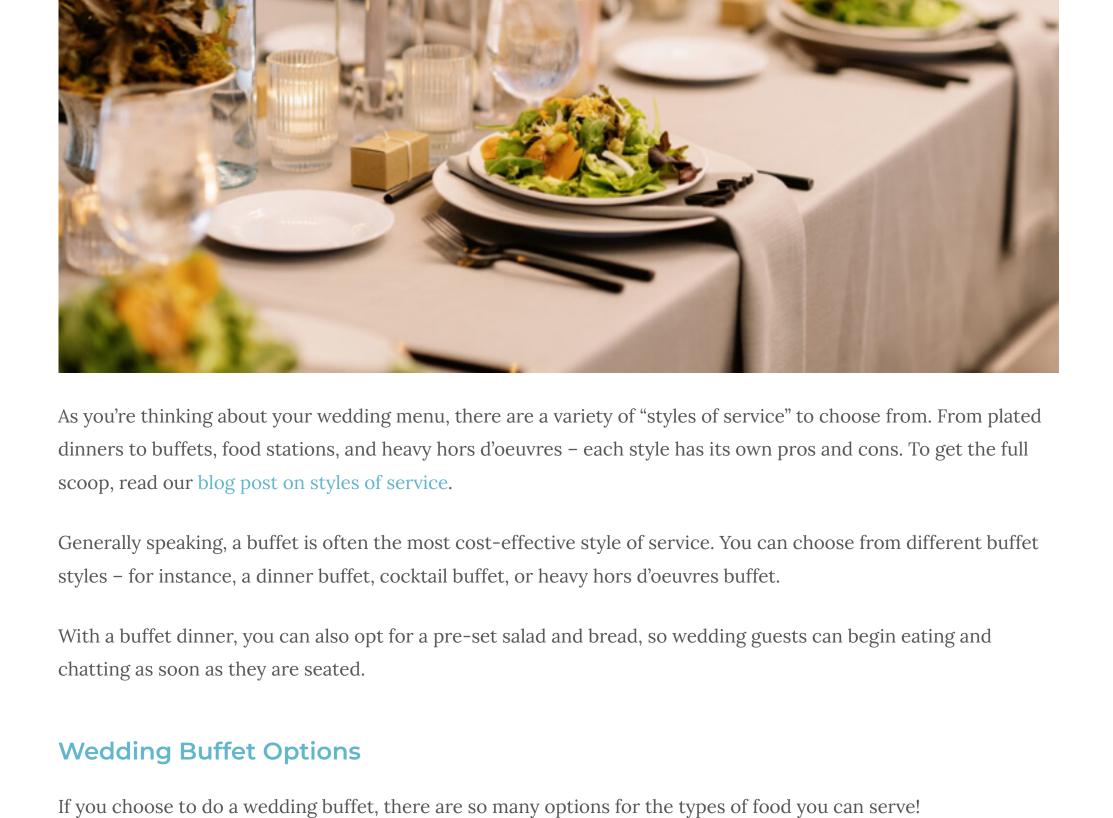
• Opt for a day other than Saturday.

• Select a venue that glows on its own to use less decor.

Choose Vendors You Can Trust It's important to be upfront about your budget, your vision, and expectations with your vendors. They are professionals who can likely help you find ways to save money while bringing your dreams to reality. Use online

reviews and word of mouth to find vendors you can trust to create a wedding that fits both your dreams and your

How to Make the Most of Your Wedding Catering Budget



each harvest and farm-to-table dishes. "Long Honeymoon" Fall and Winter Buffet:

• Peppercorn crusted Painted Hills sirloin + Sparta imperial mushroom and merlot sauce • Pan seared springer mountain chef's cut chicken breasts smothered in caramelized onion sauce with thyme • Roasted broccoli salad, golden raisins, toasted almonds, organic baby arugula, apple cider vinaigrette

• Pomegranate molasses roasted baby carrots, tahini yogurt sauce, pomegranate arils, fresh mint

• Lemony mashed Yukon gold potatoes • Herb and olive marinated feta + crisp crackers, sliced baguette • Chef's selection of locally baked artisan breads + whipped butter

Browse All Menus

Below is a peek at Avalon Catering's current wedding dinner buffet. Our menus vary by season, offering the best of

- Ready to plan your wedding? Avalon Catering is ready to help!

• Local lettuces, crisp pears, spiced walnuts + dijon vinaigrette

design, equipment rentals, vendor recommendations, and more! Browse all our wedding services here.

In addition to catering, we also provide full wedding planning, décor and floral

Then, reach out to our team to schedule a conversation! We can't wait to speak

with you and bring your dream wedding to life.

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