

SUNDAY BEST PROM DRESSES UNDER \$100

# HOW MUCH DOES PROM COST?



The price tag for a prom can vary quite a bit, and it can cost anywhere from \$200 to \$2,000, depending on your budget. Here's a breakdown of what your bill for the entire evening might look like.

**\$30-\$250**  
**HAIR/MAKEUP/NAILS**

You might decide to go to a salon to get your hair, makeup or nails done, or you could opt to buy the necessary items and do it yourself.

**\$60-\$400**  
**PROM GOWN**

You can keep the cost down if your mom is stitching one for you or if you are buying it at a thrift store. But you'll pay more if you shop at a department store and a lot more if it's at a one-of-a-kind boutique.

**\$60-\$400**  
**PROM TICKET**

Location dictates ticket costs, but it could run \$20 to \$250. If your prom is in a fancy hotel or ballroom, it probably will cost more than if it's in your school gym. Ticket prices usually include entry to the dance, dinner and beverages. Look into what's included with the tickets before planning a big dinner elsewhere.



**\$200-\$500**  
**LIMOUSINE RENTAL**

Renting a limo is an extravagant option. The best approach is to find a group and split the cost with friends.

**\$10-\$20**  
**BOUTONNIERE**

The guy's boutonniere costs usually depend on the type of flowers.



**\$25-\$100**  
**PRE-PROM DINNER**

A lot of proms don't provide a full dinner, so you might decide to go out to eat. Depending on where you dine, it could run \$25 to \$100 per person.

**\$30-\$125**  
**FORMAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

Prices for professional photos range from \$30 to \$125. Most prom committees arrange for a photographer to take portraits, which could be prepaid or paid at the event. So don't forget to take the money. If you want to take pictures with your phone, that's okay, too.



**GRAND TOTAL:**  
**UP TO \$1,795**

**ONLINE**

Don't miss any moments during prom season. Our photographers will be there to cover the midstate dances. Visit [pennlive.com/prom](http://pennlive.com/prom) to view our plethora of photo galleries.



**\$99**

An elegant prom gown doesn't have to break your bank. Case in point is this floor-length gown featuring an open back and jewel details. PromGirl.com.

**\$99**

If you want a gown with a print but are concerned about it being too loud, this is the one for you. Featuring a sweetheart neckline, this jersey dress is elegant and grown-up. PromGirl.com.

**\$99**

This dress has it all — cutouts, lace, sequins and plenty of color options. PromGirl.com.

**\$88.99**

This glittery ombre dress by Speechless is on sale at Kohl's. Featuring a rhinestone-laden sweetheart neckline, this gown has plenty of glam.

**\$79.99**

This long, blush dress is great for those who are going for the more chic look. Lace with some light rhinestone details make for a muted sparkling effect that's decidedly glamorous. JCPenney.

**\$69.99**

If you've always wanted to go Greek, this My Michelle dress from JCPenney is for you. The satin gown features a single shoulder strap decked out in faux gemstones and sequins.

**\$59.99**

This Bee Darlin Strapless dress is perfect for the girl who wants to be noticed at her prom, with its hot-pink color, tulle hem and bedazzled bodice. Originally \$100, it's on sale at JCPenney.

**WHEN IS PROM?**

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

- Trinity: April 24
- Harrisburg Academy: April 25
- Cumberland Valley: May 1
- East Pennsboro: May 2
- Shippensburg: May 2
- Carlisle: May 15
- Big Spring: May 16
- Cedar Cliff: May 16

**DAUPHIN COUNTY**

- Harrisburg: April 25
- Central Dauphin East: May 1
- Halifax: May 1
- Upper Dauphin: May 1
- Lower Dauphin: May 2
- Dauphin County Tech: May 8
- Millersburg: May 8
- Susquehanna Twp.: May 9
- Middletown: May 16
- Hershey: May 22
- Capital Area School for the Arts: May 23
- Milton Hershey: June 12

**LEBANON COUNTY**

- Anville-Cleona: May 8
- Palmyra: May 9
- Lebanon: May 22

**YORK COUNTY**

- Northeastern: May 9
- Dallastown: May 9
- Central York: May 9
- Red Land: May 9
- Dover: May 16
- Northern York: May 23