

A five-hour private party

50 adults drinking the selected drinks. Five party hours, no separate reception and no ice-filled chilling buckets. Total attendance in this example is also 50.

Both examples use 34% spirits, 33% wine and 33% fizz. These are purchasing allowances from a published model, not measured consumption or a recommendation to drink this amount.

The calculated order

Planned serves	300 party + 0 reception
Spirits	6 x 70cl bottles; 35ml serves
Mixers	10.2 litres
Wine	25 x 75cl bottles; 175ml pours
Prosecco or Champagne	17 x 75cl bottles; 125ml pours
Cubed ice	75kg service + 0kg chilling = 75kg
Working glasses	300 total: 102 highballs, 99 wine, 99 flutes
Staffing starting point	1 for 50 total attendees in this example

Before you order

Zero bucket-chilling ice assumes bottle chilling is handled separately. It does not mean warm bottles are ready to serve. Add the number of buckets in the tool if ice will be used for that job.

No glass washing or reuse is deducted. Beer, cider, water, alcohol-free drinks, and their ice and glasses are excluded. Mixer litres are not a separate soft-drinks allowance. Do not add a beer order to this full selected-drinks estimate without reviewing the allocation.

Use full attendance for the actual team. For example, 100 adults in the drinks group plus 20 other attendees means a staffing starting point of 3, not two. Never reduce a booking guest count to match a smaller drinks group.

Source: UK Wedding & Party Drinks Planning Benchmarks 2026

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A wedding reception and party

100 adults drinking the selected drinks. A separate one-hour fizz reception, then five party hours, with two chilling buckets active throughout. Total attendance in this example is also 100.

Both examples use 34% spirits, 33% wine and 33% fizz. These are purchasing allowances from a published model, not measured consumption or a recommendation to drink this amount.

The calculated order

Planned serves	600 party + 120 reception
Spirits	11 x 70cl bottles; 35ml serves
Mixers	20.4 litres
Wine	50 x 75cl bottles; 175ml pours
Prosecco or Champagne	53 x 75cl bottles; 125ml pours
Cubed ice	150kg service + 24kg chilling = 174kg
Working glasses	720 total: 204 highballs, 198 wine, 318 flutes
Staffing starting point	2 for 100 total attendees in this example

Before you order

Enter five party hours and tick the separate reception. Do not enter six hours as well. The 24kg chilling allowance is two buckets x six active hours x 2kg. Dinner drinks, a separate toast and different attendance need their own review.

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