

How to Calculate Tent Space Requirements for Your Event

Below are some guidelines for estimating how much tent space you will need for your planned events. At One Stop Rental, we can even provide you a computer-aided design (CAD) drawing that specifically shows the planned layout of your tent.

Theater seating. Allow 6 sq. ft. per wedding guest if arranging all chairs in rows.

Banquet seating. Allow 8 sq. ft. per wedding guest for oblong or rectangular tables; 10 sq. ft. per wedding guest for round tables seating 10; and 12 sq. ft. per wedding guest for round tables seating 6, 8 or 12.

Cocktail-style receptions. Allow 6 sq. ft. per person if all wedding guests will be standing or 8 sq. ft. per person if some wedding guests will be seated.

Dance area. Allow 2-4 sq. ft. per wedding guest.

Bar area. Allow 100 sq. ft. for the wedding reception bar.

Buffet area. Allow 100 sq. ft. for each table.

Piano. Allow 50 sq. ft. for a spinet piano and 100 sq. ft. for a grand piano.

Band. Allow 100 sq. ft. for entertainment by a band.