photographs; hannah whitaker(new york magazine (cake); firstview (runway); erik ekroth (drag gueen); josephine sittenfeld (serenade); dave robbins (masks); getty images (remaining)

Wedding Stats

We polled 100 recent brides about their experiences. Below, the choicest responses.



AVERAGE AMOUNT RECEIVED IN CASH GIFTS

Range: \$1,000-\$50,000

BEST BACHELORETTE PARTIES

"Hot, sweaty, stoned (the good way) in Morocco."

> "inoteca and the Slipper Roomunfortunately there are pictures on the internet."

"Party bus in lower Manhattan with a male stripper in a black fringe thong."

BEST BACHELOR PARTIES

"Barbecue and drinks, walking around Park Slope with a blow-up doll, ending at a shady strip club in Sunset Park."

"A weekend of wastedness and who knows what else in New Orleans."

"Football in the park and beer pong at a dive bar."



the first try.".....

MOST OUTRAGEOUS SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

"At least two children were conceived at our wedding and someone was mugged."



BEST DRUNKEN FOOL

3rd place:

"Our friend who was supposed to videotape the wedding got drunk and lost my sister's camera."

2nd place:

"Guests pulled lanterns off the tent ceiling and used them as soccer balls-or wore them as hats."

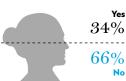
1st place:

"Our friend fell down the stairs and needed stitches in his forehead, but he ditched the cab on the way to St. Vincent's and went to the after-party bar."





YOU LET HIM INVITE AN EX:





wedding night.

KISS AND TELL

HIGH JINKS!

50 percent had entertainment other than music and booze. "Entertainment" included...



"Performers." (Drag queens, at one wedding.) "A fire-eater."

"A choreographed dance."

"A serenade."

"Hats and/or funny masks."

"A photo booth."

"My drunk uncle."