

Split-Placement Worksheet to Estimate Support

Important to Know

1. The worksheet only offers an **estimate** of what your support might be.
2. The use of the Split-Placement formula is at the court's discretion when the court order gives one parent the placement of one or more children and gives the other parent placement of the other children.
 - The court **may** use the payer's gross income, ability to earn, or the income available for support.
 - Gross income is defined as **all income and earnings** from all sources. This income may or may not be taxable. Income can be in the form of money, property, or services.
 - Ability to earn considers the parent's job and wage history, health, education, and available job openings.
 - Income available for support is the gross income minus support for earlier obligations. [The serial-family parent worksheet](#) may be used to estimate a parent's income available for support.
3. The Split-Placement formula pro-rates the Percentage Standard for each child:
 - Cases with 2 children, **12.5%** of income for each child (25% divided by 2)
 - Cases with 3 children, **9.67%** of income for each child (29% divided by 3)
 - Cases with 4 children, **7.75%** of income for each child (31% divided by 4)
 - Cases with 5 children, **6.8%** of income for each child (34% divided by 5)
4. **In Line 2** of the worksheet, enter the number of children living with the **other parent**
Example:

court order: 2 children live with Parent A & 1 child lives with Parent B
enter: 1 child under Parent A & 2 children under Parent B
5. If a parent with an existing Split-Family Placement case has a newer support case, the parent may use the non-prorated percent for all children in split-placement when estimating support for the newer order as a **Serial-Family Parent**. For example, if the parent has 2 children in split-placement, multiply the parent's income by the full 25%.

Please see DCF 150.04 for more details about Split-Placement cases.

For more information about court orders and setting child support amounts, go to [Wisconsin Child Support Program page.](#)

Split - Placement Case Worksheet

		Parent A	Parent B
Line 1	Enter the percent based on the total number of children in this case (children living with Parent A and children living with Parent B): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For 2 children, enter 12.5%• For 3 children, enter 9.67%• For 4 children, enter 7.75%• For 5 children, enter 6.8%		%
Line 2	Enter the number of children living the other parent		
		Number of children living with Parent B	Number of children living with Parent A
Line 3	Multiply Line 1 and Line 2	%	%
Line 4	Enter each parent's monthly income	\$	\$
Line 5	Multiply Line 3 and Line 4 (The parent with the higher dollar amount in this line will be the parent who pays support.)	\$	\$
Line 6	Enter the higher of the two dollar amounts in Line 5	\$	
Line 7	Enter the lower of the two dollar amounts in Line 5	- \$	
Line 8	Subtract Line 7 from Line 6. Line 8 is the estimated amount of support paid by the parent with the higher dollar amount in Line 5.	\$	