

Combined Split-Placement & Shared-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 Combined Split-Placement & Shared-Placement formula is at the court's discretion when the court order:
 - states that the parents will share the placement of one or more of their children at least 25% of the time - at least 92 days/year, and
 - gives one parent the placement of one or more children of the remaining children and gives the other parent placement of the other children remaining children.
 - expects each parent to assume the child's basic support costs in proportion to the time that the parent has shared-placement of the child.
3. 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.
4. The Combined Split-Placement & Shared-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)
5. **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

6. **Line 9** of the worksheet, the 150% multiplier is used in the Shared-Placement. The multiplier accounts for each parent's share of the children's basic support costs (food, shelter, etc.).
7. **Line 10** worksheet time spent with children: To calculate a parent's time spent with the children, divide the number of days each parent spends with the children by 365 days. The days spent (placement) with each parent must be in the court order. Enter the percent of time the children spends with the **other parent**.

Example:

court order Parent A's placement is 60% & Parent B's placement is 40%
enter: 40% under Parent A & 60% under Parent B

8. **Line 18**, this estimate **does not** include the payment of the children's variable costs. Variable costs are the reasonable costs above basic support costs such as the cost of child care, tuition and a child's special needs.
9. If a parent in an existing combined Split-Placement & Shared-Placement case has a newer support case, the parent may use the non-prorated percent for all the children in the combined placement cases when estimating support for the newer order as a serial-family payer. For example, if the parent has 4 children in a combined placement case, multiply the parent's income by the full 31%.

Please see [DCF 150](#) for more details about Shared-Placement cases.

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

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		Parent A	Parent B
Line 1	Enter the percent based on the total number of children in this case (children in Split Placement and children in Shared-Placement): <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 in Split-Placement <u>living the other parent</u>		
		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 This is each parent's estimated share of support for the children in Split-Placement	\$	\$
Line 6	Enter the number of children in Shared-Placement only		
Line 7	Multiply Line 1 and Line 6	%	
Line 8	Multiply Line 4 by Line 7	\$	\$
Line 9	Multiply the amount in Line 8 by 150% (1.5) for each parent.	\$	\$
Line 10	Enter percent of time the children in Shared-Placement spends with the other parent.	%	%
		Parent B 's percent of time	Parent A 's percent of time
Line 11	Multiply Line 9 by Line 10 This is each parent's estimated share of support for the child or children in Shared-Placement	\$	\$

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		Parent A	Parent B
Line 12	Enter Dollar amount for each parent from Line 5 (Each parent's portion for children in Split-Placement)	\$	\$
Line 13	Enter Dollar amount for each parent from Line 11 (Each parent's portion for children in Shared-Placement)	\$	\$
Line 14	Add Lines 12 and 13 (The parent with the higher dollar amount on this line will be the parent who pays support.)	\$	\$
Line 16	Enter the higher of the two dollar amounts in Line 14	\$	
Line 17	Enter the lower of the two dollar amounts in Line 14	- \$	
Line 18	Subtract Line 17 from Line 16. This is the estimated amount of support paid by the parent with the higher dollar amount in Line 14. This amount does not include payments for the variable costs for children in Shared-Placement.	\$	