

Step 2: Determining how your budget should be allocated

National Standards

The National Kitchen Bath Association conducted a recent survey in which they found that on average, homeowners using professional services (this is not a DIY budget) allocated their budget as follows:

Cabinetry	48%
Countertops	18%
Appliances	15%
Fixtures	6%
Lighting and electrical	5%
Flooring	5%
Walls and Trim	3%

Viola Park's slightly refined guidelines

The chart above is based on US national statistics, and how much you spend must, of course, be based on your own means and priorities. Based on the experience of our parent company, Henrybuilt, we expect Viola Park clients to have a slightly different breakdown, on average, due primarily to the combination of a desire for higher grade appliances, the availability of high quality countertop options through Viola Park, and a slight variation for fixtures and plumbing (plumbing can vary dramatically depending on your situation. These numbers assume plumbing will be at or near current locations.)

Here is a breakdown with the countertop and appliance lines adjusted for these factors. Compared to national standards, cabinetry is unchanged, countertops and fixtures are slightly reduced and appliances are increased:

Cabinetry	48%
Countertops	15%
Appliances	19%
Fixtures	5%
Lighting and electrical	5%
Flooring	5%
Walls and Trim	3%

Example Case: A \$500,000 home using 8% of the value for a budget:

Home value:	\$	500,000
8% budget		40,000.00
Cabinetry	48%	19,200.00
Countertops	15%	\$ 6,000
Appliances	19%	\$ 7,600
Fixtures	5%	\$ 2,000
Lighting and electrical	5%	\$ 2,000
Flooring	5%	\$ 2,000
Walls and Trim	3%	\$ 1,200