

MEASUREMENTS OF CUSTODIAL TIME

As detailed in the *Rivero Amicus Brief*, no single measurement of “time” is probably adequate for all cases, because the purpose of the measurement is to approximate direct expenditures made on a child, and a great number of possible facts can disconnect time-share from actual expenditures relating to a child.

The reader is cautioned that the approximations can be altered to some degree by such random events of which parent has the starting week, or whether the schedule starts on January 1 or somewhere in the middle of a year. Even a leap year can alter the math.

Nevertheless, for many cases, a short-hand “translation” of various custodial schedules to percentage of time share might be useful, and the following approximations are provided for that purpose.

STANDARD SCHEDULES¹

Every other weekend: 14%.

First, third and alternate fifth weekends: 14%.

Second, fourth and alternate fifth weekends: 14%.

First, third and fifth weekends: 15%.

Second, fourth and fifth weekends: 15%.

Every other weekend, plus one evening per week: 16%.

Every other weekend (52 days), plus two weeks in summer (14 days), plus Mother’s Day or Father’s Day (1 day), plus Thanksgiving or Christmas (2 days), plus birthdays (2 days), plus a miscellaneous day (1 day): 20% (73 days) overnights.²

Alternating extended weekends: 21%.

Alternating extended weekends plus one evening per week: 23%.

¹ Presumes 6:00 p.m. exchanges.

² See Karen Czapanskiy, “Child Support, Visitation, Shared Custody and Split Custody,” in *Child Support Guidelines: The Next Generation* 43, 44 (U.S. Dep’t Health & Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement, 1994); Karen Czapanskiy, *Child Support and Visitation: Rethinking the Connection*, 20 Rut.-Cam. L.J. 619 (1989).

Every other weekend, plus one overnight per week: 29%.

Every weekend: 29%.

Alternating extended weekends plus one overnight per week: 36%.

4/3 custody split: 43%.

Alternating weeks: 50%.

OVERNIGHTS³

10% = 37.

15% = 55.

20% = 73.

25% = 91.

30% = 110.

35% = 128.

40% = 146.

45% = 164.

50% = 183.

³ Requires rounding. Any percentages .5 or above, rounded up.