

Kitchen Cabinet Replacement:

Cost Breakdown & Budgeting Guide

Average Total Cost Range

- **Typical Range:** \$5,000 – \$25,000
- **National Average:** ~\$15,000 for a medium-sized kitchen

How to Estimate Your Total Cabinet Replacement Cost

Step 1: Measure Your Kitchen Size (in linear feet)

- Measure the length of all cabinet runs (wall and base) to calculate linear feet
 - Need Help? [Use Our Guide](#)
- **Example:** 20 linear feet is common for a medium-sized kitchen

Cabinet Types & Cost Per Linear Foot

Cabinet Type	Price Range per Linear Foot	Best For
Stock	\$100 - \$300	Budget-conscious, fast installs
Semi-Custom	\$150 - \$650	Personalization with moderate cost
Custom	\$500 - \$1,500+	High-end materials, perfect fit, full customization

Example Calculation:

20 linear feet of semi-custom cabinets at \$400/linear ft = \$8,000 (materials only)

Material Cost Factors

- **Laminate Doors:** ~30–40% cheaper than wood
 - **Solid Woods (Oak/Maple):** Mid-range cost
 - **Cherry/Walnut:** Premium pricing
 - **Veneer/Thermofoil:** Modern look, moderate cost
 - **Construction Upgrades (e.g., soft-close, dovetail drawers):** Add 15–25% to base cabinet cost
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Labor & Installation Costs

- **Labor % of Project:** 15–25% of total cost
- **Typical Labor Range:** \$2,000 – \$4,500
- **Hourly Rate:** \$70 – \$120/hour
- **Urban Installations:** May cost 20–30% more
- **Installation Time:** 2–5 days depending on kitchen size and complexity



Complexity Impacts:

Cabinet Type	Install Time	Cost Impact
Stock Semi-	Fastest	Lowest Mid
Custom	Moderate	labor Highest
Custom	Longest	labor

Additional/Hidden Costs

Cabinet Removal & Disposal

- Removal usually included
- **Disposal Fee:** \$100 – \$300

Hardware Costs

Component	Cost per Unit	Typical Quantity	Total Range
Handles/Pulls	\$2 - \$20 \$3	20 - 40 pcs	\$40 - \$800
Hinges Drawer	- \$12 \$10 -	15+ doors 8+	\$45 - \$180
Slides	\$30	drawers	\$80 - \$240

Total Hardware Cost: \$200 – \$900+

Prep Work & Other Services

Task	Estimated Cost
Wall Repairs Floor	\$200 - \$400
Protection Electrical	\$50 - \$100
Relocation Building	\$200 - \$500
Permits	\$200 - \$800

DIY vs. Professional Installation

Approach	Pros	Cons
DIY	Saves on labor	Risk of damage, misalignment, no warranty
Professional	Precision, warranty, quality	Higher upfront cost

Timeline Considerations

- **Delivery Time:** 4–8 weeks for semi-custom/custom
 - **Installation Time:** 3–5 days average
 - **Suggested Buffer:** Add 20% time allowance for delays
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Item	Estimated Cost
Cabinets (Semi-Custom)	\$8,000
Labor Hardware	\$2,500
	\$500
Prep & Electrical	\$800
Permit	\$400

Total Estimated Cost: \$12,200

Summary Checklist: What Affects Cost Most?

- ✓ Cabinet type (stock, semi-custom, custom)
- ✓ Linear feet of cabinets needed
- ✓ Materials used (wood, laminate, veneer, etc.)
- ✓ Hardware selections (standard or upgraded)
- ✓ Local labor rates
- ✓ Layout changes or added electrical work
- ✓ Timing (seasonal demand and delivery speed)