

Child and Spousal Support Online Course

Timeshare Calculation Example 2

Bob and Peggy have three children—4-year old Jimmy, 2-year-old Annie, and six-month-old Davie. Peggy is the primary custodial parent. Bob is the high earner. Except for two weeks in the summer, Bob takes Jimmy and Annie every other weekend (24 weekends x 2 days = 48 days), but has Davie two days per month (12 months x 2 days = 24 days). He has the two older children for two weeks in the summer (14 days), but continues seeing Davie just two days per month. He and Peggy split the 12 holidays—Bob has all three children for half of the holidays. What is Bob's timeshare for purposes of calculating child support based on a 365-day year?

- a. 12 %.
- b. 15 %.
- c. 20 %.

Answer

With a little calculating, you'll see that the answer is b, a 15-percent timeshare.

Bob will have primary custody of Jimmie and Annie for 19 percent of the time, calculated as follows:

$$48 \text{ weekend days} + 14 \text{ days during the summer} + 6 \text{ holidays} = 68 \text{ days}$$

$$68 \div 365 \times 100 = 19 \% \text{ timeshare (rounded up from 18.6 \%)}$$

Bob will have primary custody of Davie for 8 percent of the time, calculated as follows:

$$2 \text{ days per month} \times 12 \text{ months} = 24 + 6 \text{ holidays} = 30 \text{ days}$$

$$30 \div 365 \times 100 = 8 \% \text{ timeshare}$$

The timeshare figure is the average of the timeshares with each child:

$$19 + 19 + 8 = 46 \div 3 = 15 \% \text{ timeshare}$$