

# Keyboard Layouts at a Glance

Full-size, TKL, 75%, 65%, 60% — what you give up and what you get back

## Full-size (100%)

All keys: function row, numpad, navigation cluster. Width ~17–18". Keep if you do heavy spreadsheet entry, accounting, or 10-key data entry. Otherwise the numpad is desk space the mouse wants.

## Tenkeyless / TKL (87 keys)

Numpad removed. Width ~14". The default productivity choice. Mouse moves ~3" closer to the centerline — better shoulder ergonomics on long days. Keeps the function row and navigation cluster.

## 75% (~84 keys)

TKL, but tighter — function row stays but the navigation cluster compresses. Width ~12.5". Same productivity utility as TKL with a smaller desk footprint. Most popular layout in the enthusiast space right now.

## 65% (~68 keys)

Function row removed; arrow keys retained. Width ~11.5". Function row keys live on Fn-layer combos. Solid travel/laptop pairing — fits in a backpack without compromising arrow-key flow.

## 60% (~61 keys)

Arrow keys also gone (Fn-layer). Width ~11". Hardcore minimalist layout — needs Fn-key muscle memory to be productive. Skip unless you've already used a 65% for 3+ months.

## How to choose

If you do spreadsheet work daily → full-size. If you don't → TKL or 75%. If desk space is tight or you travel → 65%. Don't start with 60% unless you're already a layout enthusiast — the learning curve isn't worth it for most knowledge workers.