

# Time Signatures

How beats are divided in a measure.

The diagram illustrates four common time signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8. Each is shown in a colored box with a musical note icon to its left. The top number represents the number of beats in a measure, and the bottom number represents the type of note that gets one beat. Explanatory text boxes are provided for the 6/8 signature.

Time Signature	Number of beats in a measure	Type of note that gets 1 beat
2/4	2	Quarter note
3/4	3	Quarter note
4/4	4	Quarter note
6/8	6	Eighth note

## Extra Time Signature Options

Five additional time signature options are shown, each with a musical note icon to its left:

- 2/2
- 5/4
- 6/4
- 9/8
- 12/8