

Where is your money going?

The first step in managing your finances is understanding where you are spending your money. Use this Budget Worksheet to get a handle on where you are currently spending your money and identify areas that you could cut in order to reduce your overall expenses. "A budget is telling your money where to go, instead of wondering where it went." - John Maxwell

Giving	Spent	Budgeted	Fun Money	Spent	Budgeted
Charity & Offerings	\$	\$	Family Entertainment	\$	\$
Random Acts of Kindness	\$	\$	Her Fun Money	\$	\$
Tithing	\$	\$	His Fun Money	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	Other	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	Other	\$	\$
Subtotal (a)	\$	\$	Subtotal (e)	\$	\$
Children	·		Health		
Activities / Sports	\$	\$	Doctor Bills	\$	\$
Baby Supplies	\$	\$	Fitness	\$	\$
Child Care / Sitter	\$	\$	Medication	\$	\$
Fundraisers	\$	\$	Other	\$	\$
Primary School Tuition	\$	\$	Other	\$	\$
School Meal Plans	\$	\$	Subtotal (f)	\$	\$
School Supplies	\$	\$	Housing	₹	J (*
Other	\$	\$			
Other	\$	\$	1st Mortgage / Rent	\$	\$
Subtotal (b)	\$	\$	2nd Mortgage	\$	\$
Debt Sublotal (b)	Ψ	.	Association Dues	\$	\$
	¢	\$	Cleaning Service	\$	\$
Credit Card 1	\$	\$	Decorations	\$	\$
Credit Card 2	\$	\$	Furniture	\$	\$
Credit Card 3	\$	\$	Lawn Care	\$	\$
Credit Card 4	\$	\$	Maintenance / Repairs	\$	\$
Credit Card 5			Miscellaneous	\$	\$
Personal Loan 1	\$	\$	Other	\$	\$
Personal Loan 2	\$	\$	Other		
Student Loan 1	\$	\$	Subtotal (g)	\$	\$
Student Loan 2	\$	\$	Insurance		
Student Loan 3	\$	\$	Auto	\$	\$
Student Loan 4	\$	\$	Disability	\$	\$
Student Loan 5	\$	\$	Health	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	Homeowners / Renters	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	Identity Theft	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	Legal	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	Life	\$	\$
Subtotal (c)	\$	\$	Long Term Care	\$	\$
Food			Other	\$	\$
Eating Out	\$	\$	Other	\$	\$
Groceries	\$	\$	Subtotal (h)	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	Subtotal (II)	•	J (*
Other	\$	\$			
Subtotal (d)	\$	\$			



Budget Worksheet (continued)

Personal	Spent	Budgeted	Transportation	Spent	Budgeted
Alimony	\$	\$	Fuel	\$	\$
Child Support	\$	\$	Licenses and Registration	\$	\$
Clothing	\$	\$	Loan / Lease	\$	\$
Cosmetics / Hair / Nail Care	\$	\$	Maintenance	\$	\$
Dry Cleaning	\$	\$	Miscellaneous	\$	\$
Gifts	\$	\$	Tolls	\$	\$
Music	\$	\$	Train / Subway	\$	\$
Organization Dues	\$	\$	Other	\$	\$
Pet	\$	\$	Other	\$	\$
Postage / Shipping	\$	\$	Subtotal (I)	\$	\$
Subscriptions	\$	\$	Utilities	•	•
Toiletries	\$	\$			
Other	\$	\$	Cell Phone	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	Electric	\$	\$
Subtotal (i)	\$	\$	Propane / Gas	\$	\$
Savings Goals			Security System	\$	\$
Car Replacement	\$	\$	Sewer	\$	\$
College Fund	\$	\$	Trash	\$	\$
Emergency Fund	\$	\$	TV / Internet	\$	\$
Retirement	\$	\$	Water	\$	\$
Vacation	\$	\$	Other	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	Other	\$	\$
	\$	\$	Subtotal (m)	\$	\$
OtherSubtotal (j)	\$	\$	Income (take-home)		
•		Ψ	His Income #1		\$
Taxes (not included elsewhere			His Income #2		\$
Federal	\$	\$	Her Income #1		\$
Local	\$	\$	Her Income #2		\$
Real Estate / School	\$	\$	Other		\$
State	\$	\$	Other		\$
Other	\$	\$	Subtotal (n)		\$
Other	\$	\$	<u></u>		
Subtotal (k)	\$	\$			

Zero-Based Budget

The goal of a zero-based budget is to account for all spending on paper before the month begins. You want all "expenses" to equal the amount of income. If you have a surplus in the total section, it is recommended that you allocate that amount in some of your spending categories (for example, you could pay extra towards debt, increase savings, etc.). If you have a shortfall, it is recommended that you look for areas to reduce spending in lower priority categories. In the end, you want every dollar to have a job.

Totals

Income Total (n)		\$
Category Totals $(a+b+c+d+e+f+g+h+i+j+k+l+m)$	_	\$
Total (your goal should be \$0)	=	\$