

One simple approach to budgeting is the 60/20/20 method. Divide up your monthly income so that:

- 60% goes towards your FIXED expenses: mortgage, insurance, and bills
- 20% goes towards your WANTS, like dining out, shopping and getaways
- 20% goes towards your SAVINGS: emergency savings, investments, and retirement

Monthly Fixed Expenses

Monthly Discretionary Spending

Housing		Out-of-pocket				Dining Out	\$
Mortgage/Rent	\$	Healthcare/ Insurance		Transportation		Subscriptions	\$
Property Taxes	\$	Health insurance	\$	Auto Payment(s)	\$	_ Shopping	\$
Home maintenance	\$	Life insurance	\$	Auto Insurance	\$		\$
Homeowner's/		Disability insurance	\$	Gas/Parking/Tolls	\$	_ Vacations	\$
Renter's insurance	\$	Long-Term care insurance	\$	Maintenance/License	e \$	_ Gifts	\$
Utilities (electric, gas, water))\$	Copayments/Coinsurance	\$	Public Transportation	n \$	_ Charity	\$
Phone/Cable/Internet	\$	Prescription medication	\$		\$		\$
	\$		\$	Other		Other	
Other		Other					
						Spending Subtotal	\$
Total Housing	\$	Total Healthcare/ Insurance \$		Total Transportation \$		Monthly Savings and investment contributions	
Household/Personal		Personal loans	\$	Raising Children			
Groceries	\$	Student loans	\$	Dependent care/		Emergency Fund	\$
Personal care & fitness	\$	Credit card debt	\$	Childcare	\$	_ College Savings	\$
Dry cleaning	\$		\$	Education/school	\$	_ Big Purchase Savings	\$
	\$	Other			\$	_ Retirement Savings	\$
Other				Other		Ũ	\$
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Total household/personal	\$	Total personal loans	\$	Total raising children	ו \$	_	
				Fixed Expenses subto	<mark>otal</mark> \$	Savings and investme	ent
						Subtotal	\$
Fixed Expenses Subtotal\$Discretionary Spending Subtotal+\$Savings and Investment Subtotal+\$			NET MONTHLY INCOME \$ Enter what you take home each month \$ Total Monthly expenses - \$			*Pro tip – create an excel document to track monthly expenses and average out your gas, utilities and dining out	
Total Monthly Expenses \$			Monthly Balance \$			expenses.	