



Budget Worksheet

Making smart financial decisions really comes down to knowing ... and doing ... 4 simple things.

1. **30%**

Don't spend more than this much of your annual income on housing, whether it's a mortgage payment or rent.

2. **20%**

Set aside this much of your annual income for needs-based expenses (cell phone, internet, gas, loan payments, taxes, insurance premiums, and food).

3. **30%**

Use this amount for things you want. This should include things like your online shopping and subscription services.

4. **20%**

Put this in savings in this order:

First, as quickly as you can, stockpile 3 to 6 months of your income in a savings account you can access quickly for emergencies. Only 30-40% of Millennials achieve this, but knowing you've got something to fall back on is worth putting real effort into getting this done.

Second, put some money in an employer-sponsored 401(k) plan if your company has one. Most employers will match some of your contribution.

Third, open an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). At Bank Midwest, our IRAs have no fees. Add that with the tax advantages of an IRA, and you have a smart long-term savings choice.

Example:

Annual Income	\$28,000	\$30,000	\$35,000
Housing (30%)	\$700/month \$8,400/year	\$750/month \$9,000/year	\$875/month \$10,500/year
Food, gas, cell phone, internet, student loans, car, taxes, insurance premiums, and necessities (20%)	\$467/month \$5,600/year	\$500/month \$6,000/year	\$583/month \$7,000/year
Clothes, trips, electronics, entertainment (30%)	\$700/month \$8,400/year	\$750/month \$9,000/year	\$875/month \$10,500/year
Savings (20%)	\$467/month \$5,600/year	\$500/month \$6,000/year	\$583/month \$7,000/year

Annual Income	
Housing (30%)	_____/month _____/year
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Clothes, trips, electronics, entertainment (30%)	_____/month _____/year
Savings (20%)	_____/month _____/year



Insert your Annual Income here, click Enter or Return, and the worksheet will populate a guideline of how much you should be spending or saving.

