Sample Spending Plan Worksheet

The following spending plan is broken down into the following types of expenditures: Fixed Expenses, Periodic Fixed Expenses, Variable Expenses, and Indebtedness.

Depending on your situation, some expenses (for example, long distance calls or a cell phone) may be considered variable rather than fixed expenses.

Be sure to adjust the spending plan categories to best reflect your needs and lifestyle. (Report all expenses as monthly amounts.)

Fixed Expenses

Housing	
Rent, Mortgage, or Lot Rent	\$
2nd Mortgage/Equity Loan/Association Fees, etc.	\$
Heating	\$
Electricity	\$
Telephones (basic service)	\$
Other	\$
Transportation	
Gas/Public Transportation/Taxi/Parking	\$
Car/Truck Payment	\$
Other	\$

Insurance

Health (medical and dental, if not payroll deducted)	\$
Life/Disability	\$
Other	\$

Child Care

Child Care/Babysitters	\$
Child Support/Alimony	\$
Other	\$

Family

Personal Savings

Remember to pay yourself first	\$
FIXED EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	\$

Periodic Fixed Expenses (list 1/12th of the annual payment amount)

Housing

Property/Real Estate Taxes (if not included in mortgage)	\$
Home Insurance (if not included in mortgage payment)	\$
Renter's Insurance	\$
Water/Sewage	\$
Trash Service	\$
Other	\$

Transportation

Car Insurance	\$
Car Licenses	\$
Car Repairs and Maintenance	\$
License Plates/Registration Fees	\$
Other	\$
PERIODIC FIXED EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	\$

Variable Expenses

Food

Food/Groceries	\$
Work Related (lunches and snacks)	\$
School Lunches	\$
Other	\$

Child Care

Diaper Expense	\$
Other	\$

Medical

Doctor	\$
Dentist	\$
Prescriptions	\$
Glasses	\$
Other	\$

Clothing

Clothing	
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Laundry/Dry Cleaning	\$
Other	\$
Education	
Tuition	\$
Books/Papers/Magazines/Supplies	\$
Lessons (sports, dance, music)	\$
Other	\$
Donations	
Religious/Charity	\$
Other (if not payroll deducted)	\$
Gifts	
Birthdays	\$
Major Holidays	\$
Other	\$
Personal	·
Barber/Beauty Shop	\$
Toiletries	\$
Children's Allowance	\$
Tobacco Products	\$
Beer, Wine, Liquor	\$
Other	\$
Entertainment	
Movies, Sporting Events, Concerts, Videos, Theater, etc.	\$
Internet Service	\$
Cable/Satellite T.V.	\$
Restaurants	\$
Gambling/Lottery Tickets	\$
Fitness or Social Clubs	\$
Vacations/Trips	\$
Other	\$

Miscellaneous

Home Maintenance	\$
Checking Account or Money Order Fees, etc.	\$
Pet Care/Supplies	\$
Hobbies and Crafts	\$
Postage	\$
Money you send to relatives living in another country (if you send a different amount each month)	\$
VARIABLE EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	\$

Indebtedness

Debts

Student Loan	\$
Credit Card (monthly minimum*)	\$
Credit Card (monthly minimum*)	\$
Credit Card (monthly minimum*)	\$
Medical Bills	\$
Personal Loans	\$
Other	\$
INDEBTEDNESS SUBTOTAL	\$

FIXED EXPENSES SUBTOTAL:	\$
FIXED PERIODIC EXPENSES SUBTOTAL:	+ \$
VARIABLE EXPENSES SUBTOTAL:	+ \$
INDEBTEDNESS SUBTOTAL:	+\$
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES	= \$

TOTAL MONTHLY NET INCOME:	\$
MINUS TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES:	-\$
EQUALS AMOUNT LEFT OVER FOR SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS	= \$

^{*} Although it is strongly recommended that you pay more than the monthly minimum payment due, lenders will use this amount when calculating monthly debt obligations.