

Choose a job and income.

The amounts in grey is the income in your paycheck. The amount in black is what is paid, before taxes and other expenses are taken out. Enter the amount in black under the job you choose to the first line under #1 (Job).

Sales Rep



Graphic Designer



Construction Worker



Physical Therapist



Marketing Specialist



Childcare Teacher



\$5,400
\$3,300

\$3,800
\$2,400

\$2,700
\$1,700

Some jobs require more training and education than others. Some jobs require working longer hours.

Choose a place to live.

Enter one of these amounts onto the first line under #2 (Rent/Mortgage).



House in the suburbs
\$2300

1 bedroom apartment
in the city
\$1200

House shared w/
roommates
\$600

Consider the expenses of where you'll live. Taking care of a yard takes work. Having roommates to share bills with will reduce expenses. (Utilities expenses vary depending on home size, but for this activity they're the same.)

Choose a form of transportation.

Enter one of these amounts onto the third line under #2 (Transportation).



New hybrid car
\$250 loan payment
+\$100 insurance
+ \$50 gas & maintenance
\$400

Used car
\$100 loan payment
+ \$50 insurance
+\$100 gas & maintenance
\$250

Public Transportation
\$80

Public transportation may not be available in the suburbs. Remember to consider the pros and cons of each expense.

If expenses are more than income, or you have nothing left to save and donate, change income and/or expenses.