

Monthly Budget Worksheet

Time to practice!

Step One: Combine all income after taxes.

- In 2017, the average household income was \$61,229 per year in Illinois. Use this number to as your total income for the year.
- Monthly Income (Total income/12): _____

Step Two: 50% of your income goes to your NEEDS.

Total income: _____ x .50= _____

Step Three: 20% of your income goes to your SAVINGS.

Total Income: _____ x .20= _____

Step Four: 30% of your income goes to your WANTS.

Total Income: _____ x .30= _____

Step Five: Track!

- Do some research on the costs of the average needs per month listed below. Assume you are single and living in Chicago. A few have been filled in for you.
 - Electricity: _____
 - Water: _____
 - Gas: _____
 - Rent : _____
 - Monthly "el" ticket: _____
 - Groceries: _____
 - Student Loan Payment: \$280
 - Health Care Insurance: \$250
 - Car Insurance: \$67
 - Cell Phone: \$150
 - Federal Tax (22% of yearly income/12): _____
 - State Tax (4.95% of yearly income/12): _____
 - TOTAL FOR THE MONTH: _____

Looking at your list of needs for the month. Does your 30% of your income cover your basic needs? Are you surprised at all by what you discovered? Why or why not?

What changes (if any) do you need to make to your budget?

These were just some examples of needs. It does not include such expenses as car insurance or payment, paying into Social Security, cable or streaming service, etc. With that in mind, what are your overall impressions of your monthly budget?

