

# MONTHLY BUDGET WORKSHEET



This worksheet will give you an indication of your financial health and your readiness to purchase a home. As a general rule, your total housing expense, including taxes and insurance, should not exceed 33% of your gross income. You also need to consider your total debt-to-income (DTI) ratio, which compares your earnings against monthly obligations. Lenders consider DTI when determining whether or not a borrower carries too much debt. Strive to keep yours at 43% (of your gross monthly income) or less. This number is considered an ideal debt load for most people and suggests that you can control your spending in relation to your income. If your monthly budget results in a negative sum, then you should take the time to consider your spending. Is there anything you could cut back on? If not, consider looking for a less expensive home.



## YOUR DEBT TO INCOME RATIO (DTI)

### GROSS MONTHLY INCOME (pre-tax income)

Earner #1	\$
Earner #2	\$
Child Support (you receive)	\$
Other Income	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

### MONTHLY HOUSING EXPENSES (use proposed amounts if buying)

Mortgage Payment	\$
Property Taxes	\$
Home Owners Insurance	\$
Home Owners Association Dues	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Percent of Income</b>	<b>%</b>

### DEBTS (monthly payments)

Proposed Housing Expense	\$
Car Payment/Lease	\$
Child Support (you pay)	\$
Student Loan(s)	\$
Credit Card(s)	\$
Home Equity Loan/Line of Credit	\$
Other Real Estate Owned	\$
Other (includ. co-signed loans)	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Debt to Income Ratio</b>	<b>%</b>



## YOUR MONTHLY BUDGET

### NET MONTHLY INCOME (take home pay)

Earner #1	\$
Earner #2	\$
Child Support (you receive)	\$
Other Income	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

### ADDITIONAL MONTHLY EXPENSES

Phone/Cable/Internet	\$
Gas/Electric	\$
Water	\$
Cell Phone	\$
Groceries	\$
Dining/Take-out	\$
Gas (Car)	\$
Car Maintenance	\$
Auto Insurance	\$
Health/Medical Insurance	\$
Life Insurance	\$
Medical/Dental/Vision*	\$
Clothing	\$
Child Care/Tuition	\$
Recreation/Vacation	\$
Entertainment (Movies, etc.)	\$
Personal Expenses (hobbies, etc.)	\$
Charitable Donations/Gifts	\$
Misc.	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total Debt &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>

\*Not covered by insurance.

### CURRENT BUDGET OUTLOOK

Total Income	\$
Total Debt and Expenses	\$
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$</b>



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