

Unit 2: Sample Budget Exercise (*modify to suit audience*)

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Use the following financial profile to see how much this person will have for “spending money” when all required expenses are accounted for. Convert all figures to a monthly amount. Round up to the closest \$5

- Is remainder sufficient/realistic?
- If not, where can adjustments be made?

Income:

Average NET weekly income: \$950 (taxes deducted)

$\$950 \times 46 \text{ weeks (accounts for 8 weeks out of work)} = \$43,700$

$\$43,700/12 = \$3,642$

Monthly Fixed Expenses

Rent: \$700/month

Car payment: \$250/month

Union (window) dues: \$40/month

Internet service: \$30/month

Cell phone: \$130/month

Credit card 1: \$150/month

Credit card 2: \$75/month

Repayment of loan to parents: \$100/month

Set aside for 2 months of unemployment: \$610

Non-monthly Expenses

Car insurance: \$600/six months of coverage

Water bill: \$90/quarter

Auto maintenance: \$400/year

Medical out of pocket: \$500/year

Monthly Variable Expenses

(Usual allotments)

Gas bill: \$110/month

Electric bill: \$80/month

Gasoline: \$300/month

Groceries: \$150/week

Savings: \$100/month