

Spending Category	Current Spending	Goal	
Giving			
Church			
Charity			
Total Giving			10%
Saving			
"Life Happens" Account			
"I Quit!" Account			
Total Saving			10%
Housing			
Mortgage/ Rent			
Second Mortgage			
Homeowners' /Renters' Insurance			
Electricity			
Gas/Heating Oil			
Water and Sewer			
Garbage			
Home Telephone (Land line)			
Cell Phone			
Personal Digital Device (PDA)			
Cable/Satellite Television			
Internet Fees			
House Repair/Yard Work			
Storage			
Total Housing			30-40%
Food			
Groceries			
Breakfasts Out			
Lunches Out			
Dinners Out			
Quick Stops (Coffee, Snacks)			
Vending Machines			
Total Food			10-15%
Transportation			

Car Loan Payments		
Fuel and Oil		
Car Insurance		
Car Repairs		
Car Washes		
Bus/Train Fares		
License/Registration/Tax		
Tolls/Parking		
Total Transportation		15-20%
Clothing		
Self		
Spouse		
Children		
Laundry		
Dry Cleaning		
Alterations		
Total Clothing		5-10%
Debt Payments		
Credit Card Payments		
Personal Loan Payments		
Student Loan Payments		
Total Debt Payments		5-10%
Personal		
Health Insurance (if not deducted by employer from your take home pay)		
Medical Bills		
Dental Insurance		
Optometrist		
Medicines		
Vitamins, Supplements, Herbal Medicines		
Life Insurance		
Child Support		
Alimony		
Hair and Beauty		
Music (CDs and downloads)		
Movies and DVD Rental and Purchase)		
Video Games		
Alcoholic Beverages		

Tobacco Products			
Gifts (Birthday, Graduation, etc.)			
Education (Books, Tuition)			
Pets			
Hobbies			
Total Personal			10-15%
Grand Total			100%

Note: To calculate the percentage for a category, take your monthly expense for the category, divide it by your monthly take-home pay, and multiply that by 100. For example, if your total monthly food expense was \$450 and your monthly take-home pay was \$3,000, you would do this calculation:
 $(\$450 \div \$3,000) \times 100 = 15\%$