

Engineer \$90,960	Pharmacist \$114,950	Fast Food Worker \$18,810	Hair Stylist \$26,790	Firefighter \$47,180
Police Officer \$52,250	Teacher \$52,180	Waiter/Waitress \$22,187	Electrician \$50,030	Store Cashier \$20,370
Registered Nurse \$60,930	Pharmacy Technician \$30,430	Real Estate Agent \$51,930	Janitor \$32,130	Dentist \$166,910
Private Detective \$50,180	Mechanic \$40,780	Welder \$38,490	Veterinary Assistant \$31,470	Restaurant Cook \$24,000
Dishwasher \$18,930	Paramedics \$34,370	Bartender \$21,630	Paramedic \$34,370	Bus Driver \$31,480
Social Worker \$47,370	Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) \$25,620	Construction Worker \$43,868	Personal Trainer \$36,900	Daycare Teacher \$21,310
Lawyer \$85,300	Secretary \$37,780	Anesthesiologist \$232,830	Graphic Designer \$48,700	News Reporter \$49,000

How Will You Spend Your Money?

Creating and following a budget is one of the best things you can do to keep your personal finances in good standing. Use the job and salary amount given to help determine how much money you can spend each month. The average costs of monthly expenses are provided for you, but keep in mind that you may **need to spend LESS or can spend MORE** than the average costs based on your salary. In addition, you can choose to include/exclude miscellaneous items (i.e. gym, hobbies, car, etc.). As you complete this activity, think about how your job and salary affects the life style you lead.

Occupation: _____ Annual Salary: _____ Monthly Earnings: _____

	Monthly Expenses	Average Costs in WI	Monthly Spending
	Rent/Mortgage Payments	\$500.00	
Living Expenses	Utilities (electricity, water, gas)	\$150.00	
	Car Insurance	\$100.00	
	Gas	\$3.65 per gallon Approx. \$120 per month	
	Clothing	\$150.00	
	Internet/Cable	\$45.00	
Food	Groceries	\$400.00	
	Dining out	\$100.00	
Health	Health Insurance (medical, dental, vision)	\$200.00	
	Prescriptions	\$30.00	
	Fitness classes/gym	\$25.00	
Miscellaneous	Entertainment	\$100.00	
	Hobbies		
	Savings		
	Other:		
TOTAL Expenses per Month		Average: \$1,900	

**How much money did you have *left over* after living expenses?

**Did you factor in emergency costs or additional payments like child care or student loans?

**How did your occupation affect your everyday lifestyle? Did you have to exclude anything important from your life?

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