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 ideal 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, you may want to consider looking for a more budget-friendly home.

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME (PRE-TAX)

Earner #1	
Earner #2	
Child Support (you receive)	
Other Income	
Total	

MONTHLY HOUSING EXPENSES (USE PROPOSED AMOUNTS IF BUYING)

Mortgage Payment	
Property Taxes	
Home Owners Insurance	
Home Owners Association Dues	
Total	
Percent of Income	

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)	
Total	
Debt to Income Ratio	

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NET MONTHLY INCOME (TAKE HOME PAY)

ADDITIONAL MONTHLY EXPENSES

Earner #1	
Earner #2	
Child Support (you receive)	
Other Income	
Total	

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. Total **Total Debt & Expenses** *Not covered by insurance. **CURRENT BUDGET OUTLOOK**

Total Income
Total Debt and Expenses
Difference