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A budget is a helpful way to help keep track of your finances and make any adjustments to improve your life. By using a budget, you can determine how much debt you have compared to income. By dividing the total debt by the total income, you can determine your debt-to-income ratio. An ideal ratio would be under .1, but of course 0 would be perfect. Some one who pays off their debt by certain dates has a high credit score and would be considered a good risk. Financial institutions are more likely to lend to people with good risk and give them a higher amount when lending. There are many insurances and budgeting them can be difficult. Car insurance depending on the plan can help you when getting in an accident with the cost of your damages on the car. Some car insurance companies raise their rates depending on age or where you live. People who have not been driving as long usually have a higher rate because they are more likely to get into an accident. Even if you get into an accident as well, the whole thing may not be covered by your insurance and car expenses in your budget should be extra. Health insurance covers general expenses like going to the doctor’s office for a visit and such. Some doctors only take certain insurances as well and this can make it difficult for your budget. Sometimes special doctors are not covered and out of pocket costs can be expensive. This can be an unexpected cost as well so putting a higher amount in your budget for medical expenses may be a good idea. Making investments should also be included for your budget. Long term investments where you put in money monthly may have a higher reward and so this should be included in your budget. Higher risk investments typically result in a higher reward, but you must take the chance and you may lose money in the process. Lower risk usually has a lower return, but you have a higher chance of making money. After working on this project I feel confident that I can make a budget and still have plenty of money left over for emergencies. I am confident that I can balance my accounts to make sure I am spending less than I am making. The only thing will be to keep up with the budget itself and stick to it. After budgeting everything out I am confident that I can leave money aside to stick in a retirement fund or a 401k. I am confident that I can set a certain amount to put in these accounts then budget around them as well as needed.