

# **Can you live within your budget?**

Look over the careers on the next slide and select one for yourself.

Write down the monthly for the career you selected.

Look over the next five slides and write down how much you could spend on:

Housing

Transportation

Food

Clothing

Entertainment

Monthly Gross  
Income: \$5,800  
**Accountant**

Monthly Net  
Income: \$3,900



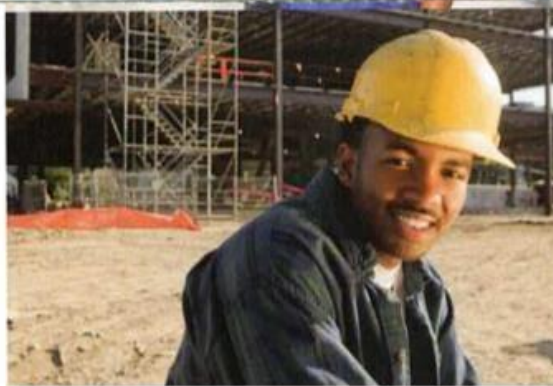
Monthly Gross  
Income: \$6,900  
**Computer  
Programmer**

Monthly Net  
Income: \$4,700



Monthly Gross  
Income: \$2,800  
**Construction  
Worker**

Monthly Net  
Income: \$2,200



Monthly Gross  
Income: \$5,900  
**Registered  
Nurse**  
(RN)

Monthly Net  
Income: \$4,000



Monthly Gross  
Income: \$4,600  
**Electrician**  
(Electrical Contractors)

Monthly Net  
Income: \$3,100



Monthly Gross  
Income: \$2,700  
**Factory  
Worker**  
(Production Worker)

Monthly Net  
Income: \$2,100





# HOUSING CHOICES (CHOOSE ONE)

**TWO-BEDROOM  
APARTMENT IN THE  
CITY, WALK TO WORK**



**\$1,300**  
per month

**ONE-BEDROOM  
APARTMENT NEAR  
COMMUTER TRAIN**



**\$800**  
per month

**TWO-BEDROOM  
APARTMENT IN QUIET  
NEIGHBORHOOD, SHARE  
WITH ROOMMATE**



**\$500**  
per month

**LIVE AT HOME WITH  
PARENTS, HELP WITH  
HOUSEKEEPING AND  
YARD WORK**



**\$250**  
per month



# TRANSPORTATION CHOICES (CHOOSE ONE)

NEW SPORTS CAR



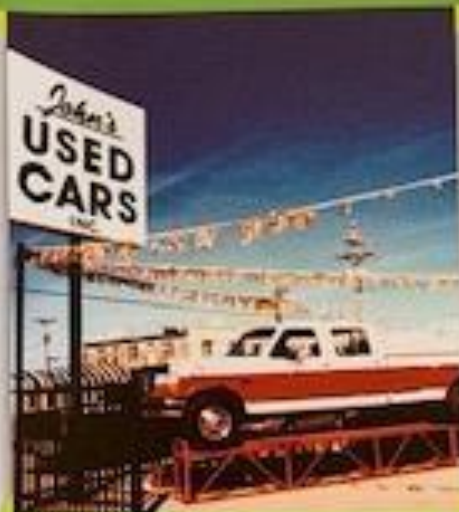
**\$800**  
per month

NEW COMPACT CAR



**\$400**  
per month

USED CAR



**\$200**  
per month

PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION



**\$100**  
per month



# FOOD CHOICES (CHOOSE ONE)

**FAST-FOOD, TAKEOUT,  
OR RESTAURANT  
MEALS DAILY**



**\$650**  
per month

**FAST-FOOD LUNCHES,  
COOK YOUR DINNERS,  
DINE OUT ON WEEKENDS**



**\$360**  
per month

**BROWN-BAG LUNCHES,  
COOK YOUR DINNERS,  
CARRYOUT PIZZA  
ON SATURDAYS**



**\$325**  
per month

**BROWN-BAG LUNCHES,  
COOK YOUR DINNERS,  
EAT LEFTOVERS  
ON WEEKENDS**

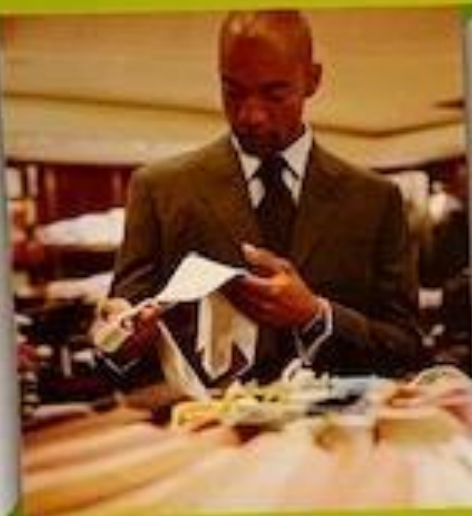


**\$250**  
per month



# CLOTHING CHOICES (CHOOSE ONE)

## DESIGNER FASHIONS



**\$400**  
per month

## DEPARTMENT STORE CLOTHING



**\$200**  
per month

## DISCOUNT STORE CLOTHING



**\$100**  
per month

## SECONDHAND STORE CLOTHING



**\$50**  
per month



# ENTERTAINMENT CHOICES {CHOOSE ONE}

CONCERTS  
EVERY  
WEEKEND



**\$200**  
per month

SEASON  
SPORTING  
PASS



**\$90**  
per month

LOCAL  
SPORTING  
EVENTS



**\$60**  
per month

ONLINE AND  
STREAMING  
SERVICES



**\$40**  
per month

MOVIES  
EVERY  
WEEKEND



**\$35**  
per month

MUSIC CDs  
AND  
DOWNLOADS



**\$20**  
per month



**Did you have enough money at the end of the month?**

**Did you have any money to put into savings?**

**What would you have to cut back on to be able to save money?**

**This is where you decide what things are more important to you. For example:**

Would you rather pack your lunch and have a nicer car? -OR-

Would you rather ride the bus and buy your lunch?