

Plan Your Budget

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income	\$2000
living	-\$550
food	-\$300
tax	-\$150
travel	-\$150
fun	-\$280
Leftover	

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income	\$2500
living	-\$900
food	-\$350
tax	-\$200
travel	-\$250
fun	-\$480
Leftover	

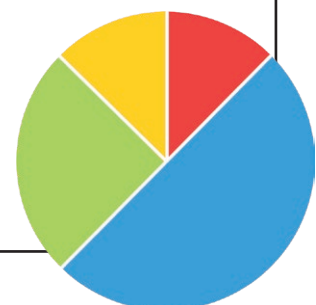
Item	Amount
income	\$4500
living	-\$1800
food	-\$550
tax	-\$250
travel	-\$350
fun	-\$700
Leftover	

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income	\$1600
required costs, e.g. living, food, tax	-\$1000
going out	-\$200
meals out	-\$180
snacks	-\$30
take-away coffee	-\$40
clothes shopping	-\$150
Leftover	

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tax	-\$200
travel	-\$250
fun	-\$480
Leftover	\$320

Item	Amount
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tax	-\$250
travel	-\$350
fun	-\$700
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Leftover	\$0

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$$1500 \div 6 = \$250$$

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Suggested cuts may include:

- Stay home or go visit friends instead of going out
- Cook at home instead of purchasing food from a restaurant
- Eat less snacks
- Make coffee at home or at work instead of purchasing it
- Reduce the amount of clothes purchased or buy cheaper second hand clothes

