

Five Money Musts











Agenda







Credit



Debt



Invest



Retirement





How many of you already have a budget?



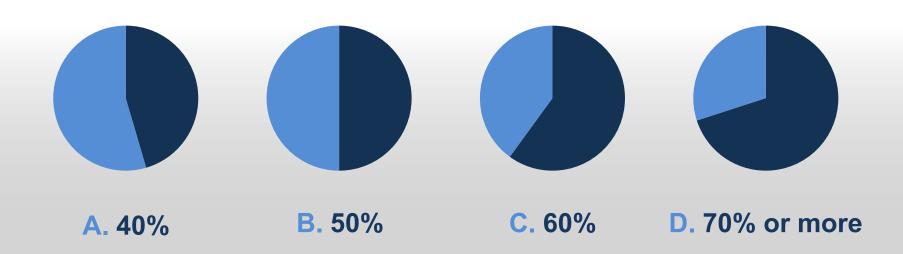
Budget:
Make the most of
what you have





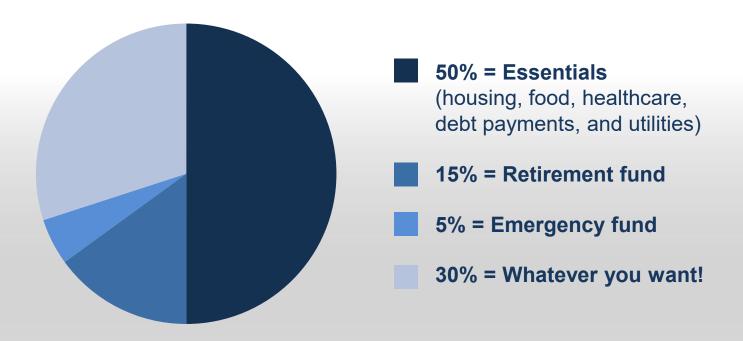


How much of your income do you spend on "the basics" like housing and food?





The 50/15/5 rule of thumb





Calculating key components of a budget



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Income: \$30,000 a year

Pretax income: \$2,500 a month

Take-home pay \$2,139

Essential spending -\$1,105

Essential savings -\$85

Discretionary income \$949



Example scenario – Heather



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Essential Spending

Rent \$695 \$85 Groceries \$90 Health care \$45 Transportation \$50 Utilities Credit card min \$50 \$90 Student loans

After-tax total: \$1,105 or 52%

Essential Savings

Retirement savings \$200 **Pretax total:** \$200 or 8%

Emergency savings \$85

\$85 or 4% After-tax total:

Other Wants and Goals

- Takeout
- Shopping
- Travel
- Gym membership
- Car savings



Download a Worksheet to Help You Track Your Budget:



Understanding Your Spending Activity Sheet



Credit:
Build it to your
advantage









There are two types of credit:



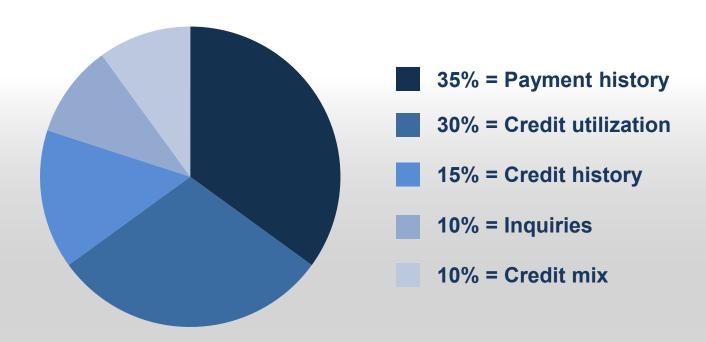
The kind you can use (like a credit card)



The kind you can build (a credit score)



What goes into a credit score?



Source: FICO





How to help boost your credit score



BUILD CREDIT IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY



CALCULATE YOUR DEBT LOAD



READ THE FINE PRINT!



ALWAYS PAY AT LEAST
THE MINIMUM BALANCE
—AND PAY IT ON TIME



Check your credit report at least once per year





Debt: **Manage it wisely**













DON'T SCRIMP ON ESSENTIAL SAVINGS



PAY OFF HIGH-INTEREST-RATE DEBT FIRST

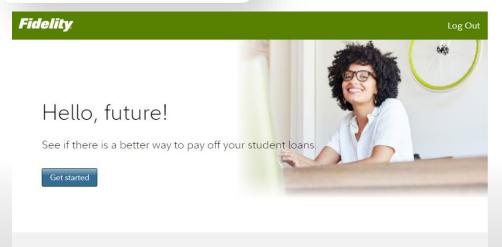


PAY OFF EXPENSIVE STUDENT LOANS



KEEP UP WITH REGULAR PAYMENTS

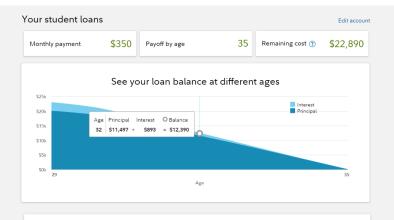


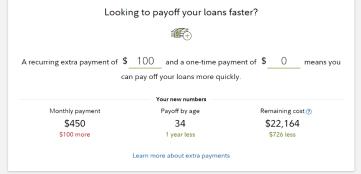


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Screenshots for illustrative purposes.



Download a Worksheet to Help You Manage Your Debt:





Invest:
Reach for your goals





Asset Allocation and Diversification



Diversification and asset allocation do not ensure a profit or guarantee against loss. For illustrative purposes only.



What are your financial goals?



Short-term



Long-term



I don't have any





Finding the right mix



Tolerance for risk



Financial situation



Time horizon



View a workshop to learn more about investing:



Take the First Step to Investing



Retire: Help your future self









Are you enrolled in your workplace savings plan?





Workplace savings plans



Contributions are taken directly out of your paycheck



You can increase or decrease them



Easy way to create a diversified portfolio



Contributions are tax-deferred or tax-advantaged



35-year-old; earning \$40,000 per year

If he contributes...

1% or \$8 per week



\$56,994 by retirement



3% or **\$24 per week**



\$170,984 by retirement



5% or **\$39** per week



\$284,973 by retirement



Approximation based on a 1%, 3%, or 5% increase in contribution. Continued employment from current age to retirement age, 67. We assume you are exactly your current age (in whole number of years) and will retire on your birthday at your retirement age. Number of years of savings equals retirement age minus current age. Nominal investment growth rate is assumed to be 5.5%. Hypothetical nominal salary growth rate is assumed to be 4% (2.5% inflation + 1.5% real salary growth rate). All accumulated retirement savings amounts are shown in future (nominal) dollars.





Tips for Retirement Planning



Enroll in your workplace savings plan



Make savings automatic



Meet your employer's "match"



Bump up your contributions if you're already saving



Take the next steps







Tips to pay off debt—and save, too

3. Don't pass up "free" money at work.

4. Pay down high-interest credit card balances.

7. Pay the monthly minimum on government student loans, car loans, and mortgages.



1. Set aside money for an emergency.



2. Contribute to a health savings account, if you're eligible.





5. Pay down private student loans.

6. Contribute beyond the employer match in your workplace savings plan.



Review



Create a budget



Build your credit



Manage your debt



Invest wisely



Plan for retirement



Helpful resources

Download Tools to Help You Track Your Debt and Budget:



Understanding Your Spending Activity Sheet



Managing Your
Debt Activity Sheet



Helpful resources

View Additional Workshops on NetBenefits:



Get a Handle on Your
Student Loan Debt



Take the First Step to Investing



Thank You!

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