

Five Money Musts


## Agenda



Budget


Credit


Debt


Invest


Retirement

## How many of you already have a budget?



## Budget: <br> Make the most of what you have

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


A. $40 \%$

B. $50 \%$

C. $60 \%$

D. $70 \%$ or more

## The 50/15/5 rule of thumb



50\% = Essentials
(housing, food, healthcare, debt payments, and utilities)
$15 \%=$ Retirement fund
5\% = Emergency fund
30\% = Whatever you want!

## Calculating key components of a budget



## Heather

Estimated Effective Tax Rate: 7\%

| Take-home pay | $\$ 2,139$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Essential spending | $-\$ 1,105$ |
| Essential savings | $-\$ 85$ |

Income: \$30,000 a year
Pretax income: \$2,500 a month
Discretionary income

## Example scenario - Heather



Heather
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## Essential Spending

Rent \$695
Groceries \$85
Health care $\$ 90$
Transportation \$45
Utilities \$50
Credit card min. \$50
Student loans
\$90
After-tax total: \$1,105 or 52\%

Essential Savings
Retirement savings \$200
Pretax total: \$200 or 8\%

Emergency savings \$85
After-tax total: \$85 or 4\%

## Other Wants and Goals

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


# Download a Worksheet to Help You Track Your Budget: 



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?



- $35 \%=$ Payment history

30\% = Credit utilization

- 15\% = Credit history$10 \%=$ Inquiries

10\% = Credit mix


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

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Equifax


TransUnion
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Experian


Debt:
Manage it wisely


Reducing Debt
DON'T SCRIMP ON ESSENTIAL SAVINGS

PAY OFF HIGH-INTEREST-RATE DEBT FIRST

PAY OFF EXPENSIVE STUDENT LOANS


| Your student loand |  |  |  |  | Edit account |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monthly payment | \$350 | Payoff by age | 35 | Remaining cost (3) | \$22,890 |

## Create your student loan dashboard



## Visit: Fidelity.com/mystudentdebt

## Download a Worksheet to Help You Manage Your Debt:



Managing Your
Debt Activity Sheet

Invest:
Reach for your goals

## Asset Allocation and Diversification



Diversification and asset allocation do not ensure a profit or guarantee against loss.

## What are your financial goals?



Short-term


Long-term


I don't have any

Finding the right mix

Tolerance for risk


## 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 taxadvantaged

| 35-year-old; earning \$40,000 per year |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $3 \% \text { or } \$ 24 \text { per week } \downarrow 170,984 \text { by retirement }$ |
| If he contributes... |  |



## 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

1. Set aside money for an emergency.

2. Pay down high-interest credit card balances.
3. Don't pass up "free" money at work.
4. Pay the monthly minimum on government student loans, car loans, and mortgages.

5. Contribute beyond the employer match in your workplace savings plan.
6. Pay down private student loans.

## 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:


## 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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