This sample budget worksheet has numbers filled in. For a blank form that you can fill in, go to p. 2 of this document.

## Important:

1. In this example-as in real life-some expenses occur weekly while others occur once a year.
2. Notice that the main source of income is earned weekly, but our chart asks us to keep track of totals by month ("Monthly Budget Amount" and "Monthly Actual Amount"). Remember to multiply the weekly income by four to get your monthly income.
3. In this example, the person budgeted to spend $\$ 8.00$ more each month. That is why we show $\$ 8.00$ in the final "Difference" cell of our chart.

| Category | How Often | Monthly Budget Amount | Monthly Actual Amount | Difference |
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| INCOME |  |  |  |  |
| Wages/Income | Weekly | \$75.00 | \$75.00 | \$0.00 |
| Interest Income (e.g., from your savings account) | Monthly | \$ 1.75 | \$ 1.75 | \$0.00 |
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| INCOME SUBTOTAL |  | \$301.75 | \$301.75 | \$0.00 |
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| EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |
| Groceries/Food |  | \$120.00 | \$120.00 | \$0.00 |
| Clothing | monthly | \$50.00 | \$ 40.00 | \$10.00 |
| Shopping |  |  |  |  |
| Entertainment |  |  |  |  |
| CDs | 6 times/year | \$12.00 | \$ 9.00 | \$3.00 |
| Movies | 2 times/month | \$30.00 (including treats) | \$35.00 | -\$5.00 |
| Concerts | 1 time/year |  |  |  |
| Magazines |  |  |  |  |
| Long-term Savings |  | \$0.00 |  |  |
| Emergency Savings |  | \$0.00 |  |  |
| Tax-deductible Expenses |  | \$0.00 |  |  |
| Miscellaneous/Other |  | \$0.00 |  |  |
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| EXPENSES SUBTOTAL |  | \$212.00 | \$204.00 | \$8.00 |
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| NET INCOME (Income - Expenses) |  | \$89.75 | \$97.75 | \$8.00 |

Print this budget worksheet and fill it in for yourself!
Take some time and really think about how you spend your money. Do you buy clothes? Do you go to the movies often?

| Category | How Often | Monthly Budget Amount | Monthly Actual Amount | Difference |
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| EXPENSES SUBTOTAL |  |  |  |  |
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| NET INCOME (Income - Expenses) |  |  |  |  |
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