

Trumpet Solo Class Lecture #13
 “The Cost of Living”
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EXPENSE	Your Budget	Start-out	Average	With Family
rent/mortgage		600	1300	1900
property tax			500	600
house insurance		20	50	100
house maintenance			200	400
utilities		110	220	320
car payment		300	450	475
car insurance		85	85	160
car maintenance/gas		200	300	400
phone line/long dis.		100	100	100
cell phone		40	40	120
Internet access		20	20	20
cable		40	40	45
medical insurance		650	650	1000
health expenses		60	60	170
food		360	360	700
clothes		150	150	220
loans/day-care		120	120	500
Total		2855	4645	7230

Other Expenses	Payroll Deductions
instrument insurance hobbies/entertainment music/recordings/equipment cleaning personal care pets	Federal Tax State Tax F I C A Medical Retirement

Make your own budget.

What is the total that you have to make to cover your expenses each month?

Estimate your first year's salary

Take the total gross amount and calculate the net amount
minus 20 - 30% for taxes (State and Federal)
minus FICA (10%)
minus retirement (10%)
minus health insurance/dental coverage
minus any long term IRA contributions

Get at total net and divide it by 12

Go through the three budget lines

How could you cut back your budget?

Are you able to distinguish between what you would need and what you would like?

How could you increase your total income?

Issue of rent vs. own?

What do you do if you are making your expenses as a couple and then decide that one of you should stay home with your children?

How do you plan to pay for college for your kids?

How do you plan to save for your retirement?