I wanna own a home.

Use the supplied worksheets to prepare for your home buying journey.





Monthly budget



This worksheet will give you an indication of your financial health and your readiness to purchase a home. As a general rule, your total housing expense, including taxes and insurance, should not exceed 33% of your gross income. You also need to consider your total debt-to-income (DTI) ratio, which compares your earnings against monthly obligations. Strive to keep yours at 43% (of your gross monthly income) or less.

Your debt to income ratio (DTI)

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME (pre-tax income)

Earner #1	\$
Earner #2	\$
Child support (you receive)	\$
Other income	\$
TOTAL	\$

Monthly housing expenses

(use proposed amounts if buying)

Mortgage payment	\$ 		
Property taxes	\$ 		
Home owners association dues	\$		
TOTAL	\$ 		
Percent of income			

Debts (Monthly Payments)

Proposed housing expense	\$
Car payment/lease	\$
Child support (you pay)	\$
Student loan(s)	\$
Credit card(s)	\$
Home equity loan/line of credit	\$
Other real estate owned	\$
Other (includ. co-signed loans)	\$
TOTAL	\$
Debt to income ratio	

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Your monthly budget

NET MONTHLY INCOME (take home pay)

Other income TOTAL	\$
Child support (you receive)	\$
Earner #2	\$
Earner #1	\$

Additional monthly housing expenses

Phone/cable/Internet	\$
Gas/electric	\$
Water	\$
Cell phone	\$
Groceries	\$
Dining/take-out	\$
Gas (car)	\$
Car maintenance	\$
Auto insurance	\$
Life insurance	\$
Medical/dental/vision*	\$
Clothing	\$
Child care/tuition	\$
Recreation/vacation	\$
Entertainment (movies, etc.)	\$
Personal expenses (hobbies, etc.)	\$
Charitable donations/gifts	\$
Misc.	\$
TOTAL	\$
Total debt & expenses	\$

^{*}not covered by insurance

Current budget outlook

Total income	\$
Total debt and expenses	\$
DIFFERENCE	\$

DTI Ratio



Mortgage Center uses your Debt-to-Income ratio (DTI) to find a mortgage loan that fits your budget. To calculate DTI, simply divide your monthly debt by your monthly income, and then multiply by 100.

MONTHLY DEBT/MONTHLY INCOME X 100 = DEBT-TO-INCOME RATIO

MONTHLY DEBT	X 100 =	
MONTHLY INCOME		DTI



For example, if your total monthly debt amounts to \$1,000 and you currently earn \$4,000 per month, your DTI is 25%.

Documents



Have these important documents printed out and saved in a safe place. We'll need this information to complete your pre-approval.

Your 2 most recent pay stubs if paid bi-weekly, 4 if paid weekly, or 1 if paid monthly.

The previous 2 months of bank statements (Covering at least 60 days).

The last 2 years of Federal Tax Returns if self-employed or receiving rental income.

Compare Homes



Keep track of all the homes you tour and use this worksheet to help make your decision easier.

Home Details	Home Details	Home Details
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Price	Price	Price
Bedrooms Baths	Bedrooms Baths	Bedrooms Baths
Square Feet Lot Size	Square Feet Lot Size	Square Feet Lot Size
Year Built MLS#	Year Built MLS#	Year Built MLS#
Rate It	Rate It	Rate It
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