PERCENTAGE GUIDE FOR FAMILY INCOME Family of Four

(The Net Spendable percentages are applicable to Head of Household family of three, as well)

Gross Income	\$25,000 or less	\$35,000	\$45,000	\$55,000	\$65,000	\$85,000	\$115,000
1. Tithe	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
2. Taxes ¹	3.5%	10.7%	13%	14.4%	16.4%	20.5%	24.1%

Net Spendable percentages below add to 100%

Net Spendable	\$21,625	\$27,755	\$34,650	\$41,580	\$47,840	\$59,075	\$75,785
3. Housing	38%	36%	32%	30%	30%	30%	29%
4. Food	14%	12%	13%	12%	11%	11%	11%
5. Auto	14%	12%	13%	14%	14%	13%	13%
6. Insurance	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
7. Debts	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
8. Ent/Recreation	4%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%	8%
9. Clothing	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	7%	7%
10. Savings	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
11. Medical/Dental	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
12. Miscellaneous	5%	5%	7%	7%	8%	8%	8%
13. School/Child Care ²	8%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
14. Investments ³		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
15. Unalloc. Surplus ⁴							

¹ Guideline percentages for tax category include taxes for Social Security, federal, and a small estimated amount for state.

² This category is added as a guide only. If you have this expense, the percentage shown must be deducted from other budget categories.

³ This category is used for long-term investment planning, such as college education or retirement.

⁴ This category is used when surplus income is received, this would be kept in the checking account to be used within a few weeks; otherwise, it should be transferred to an allocated category.

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