

The Art of Budgeting

Directions: Use the information below to create a budget of Gabrielle. Then answer the following questions based on her monthly budget.

Expected Budget	Planned Income & Expenses – Gabrielle works part-time at a greeting card company and part-time at a record store. The net monthly income from her first job is \$600. The net monthly income from her second job is \$800.	
	Planned fixed monthly expenses – \$200 for rent (she shares an apartment with two friends) \$175 for her car payment \$220 for her car insurance	Planned flexible expenses include – \$100 (to save for going to trade school) \$150 for food \$40 for gas and oil \$50 for clothes \$60 for entertainment \$30 for personal items

How Gabrielle's Month Actually Went	Planned Income & Expenses – Gabrielle works part-time at a greeting card company and part-time at a record store. The net monthly income from her first job is \$600. The net monthly income from her second job is \$800. She also made \$45 in overtime this month.	
	Planned fixed monthly expenses – \$225 for rent (rent increased starting this month) \$175 for her car payment \$295 for her car insurance – monthly premium increased	Planned flexible expenses include – \$190 for food – She had a dinner party for which she hadn't budgeted for. \$60 for gas and oil – Her car needed an oil change \$34 for parking and bridge tolls \$220 for car repairs \$80 for new running shoes \$70 for entertainment \$60 for personal items \$36 for a birthday present for her mother
	Expected Expenses – Gabrielle got two speeding tickets in one week. The total cost of both tickets is \$230.	

Gabrielle's Monthly Budget

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Income	Job #1		
	Job #2		
	Other		
	Total		

1. What is the difference between Gabrielle's planned expenses and her actual expenses?

	Expenses		
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Fixed Regular Expenses	Rent		
	Car Insurance		
	Car Payment		
Fixed Irregular Expenses	Savings		
	Food		
	Utilities		
Transportation	Bus Fare		
	Gas and Oil		
	Parking and Tolls		
	Repairs		
Other	Medical		
	Clothing		
	Entertainment		
	Household Items		
	Personal Items		
	Tuition		
TOTAL			

2. In what areas did Gabrielle overspend?

3. What appropriate adjustments would you make to Gabrielle's monthly budget?

4. What advice would you give to Gabrielle about her budget?