

How To Calculate A Comfortable Rent Payment

If you look around you can find many sources and recommendations on how to determine the amount of rent you should pay to live comfortably. Below is a calculation we find to be helpful.

General rule of thumb rent should not exceed 30% to 40% of your gross income.

Sep one- Calculate your **total monthly** income (before taxes).

\$_____ Your monthly gross job income.

\$_____ Your spouse / roommate gross income.

\$_____ Retirement income.

\$_____ Child / Alimony Support.

\$_____ Other income

Total Income = \$_____

Step Two- Calculate your **total monthly** expenses.

\$_____ Car payments

\$_____ Credit cards

\$_____ Student loans

\$_____ Child / Alimony Support

\$_____ Other

Total Expenses = \$_____

Step Three- Calculate your suggested monthly rent budget
(Your total income minus your total expenses multiplied by 40%).

Total Income \$_____ - Total Expenses \$_____ x .40= \$_____