

# Developing a Personal Budget

## Step One

List your monthly income. This is a combination of your allowance, cash gifts and any income you earn from a job you have. (paper route, babysitting, etc.)

Monthly income

Pay from jobs	\$ _____
Allowance	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

## Step Two

List your monthly expenses and add them up. This is a list of all expenses you have. (movies, food, tapes / CDs, amount of monthly savings, etc.)

Monthly expenses

Food	\$ _____
iTunes / DVDs	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

## Step Three

Subtract monthly expenses from monthly income.

TOTAL INCOME	\$ _____
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ _____
Deficit, Surplus, or Balanced Budget	\$ _____

- If you have money left over, that is your budget surplus. Congratulations! You can spend or save more or work less.
- If your expenses equal your income, you have a balanced budget. Congratulations!
- If you don't have enough money to cover your expenses, that's a budget deficit. You should run for Congress!

# Developing a National Budget

## Step One

List your nation's annual (yearly) income. This is the total amount of tax dollars your government collects from the citizens of the country. (Make this a number in the millions & round off)

Taxes collected from your citizens \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Step Two

List your nation's annual expenses and add them up. This is a list of all expenses you have. If you want to spend a lot on military, make that a big number. Spend more money on things you think are important, less money on things not as important. Be sure to round off.

Military \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Social welfare \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Education \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Roads / transport. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Savings \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Health care \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Social security \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Step Three

Subtract your nation's annual expenses from your nation's total income.

TOTAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

minus TOTAL EXPENSES \$- \_\_\_\_\_

equals

Deficit, Surplus, or Balanced Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- If you have money left over, that is your budget surplus. Congratulations!
- If your expenses equal your income, you have a balanced budget. Congratulations!
- If you don't have enough money to cover your expenses, that is your budget deficit. Either cut spending or increase taxes!