



Case Study Matrix

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Before you look for a place to live, determine your monthly income. Step 1: List take-home pay for each person in your household who is employed.	Lena works in retail and brings home \$1,120 per month. She waitresses on weekends and brings home approximately \$125 per week which includes salary and tips. (If income comes from tips, use an average as has been done in this case study.) She talked with her friend Jenny about being roommates. Jenny would like to share expenses of an apartment with Lena but does not want to move for three months as she is living at home and wants to save money. Jenny works full time at a child care center.	Ellen's take home salary is \$325 per week. The children attend a free afterschool program. While she was awarded \$475 in child support from the children's father, payments are \$200 per month. The family also receives Food Share. (Income may be from a variety of sources other than wages and may include non-cash income such as Food Share.)	John brings home \$1,225 per month from his job. In addition, he does small projects for an elderly neighbor who is having vision issues and is unable to drive for which he is paid \$40 per week.	Richard works 20 hours per week at a fast food restaurant and his monthly take home pay is \$540 (\$6.75 per hour net). He works 20 hours a week which will increase to 25 hours in two weeks. He would like to find another part time job.	Elizabeth receives a Social Security check of \$1,100 and a pension check from her deceased husband of \$1,700 per month.





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Step 2: Determine monthly expenses.	Transportation: \$200 (includes car payment) Food: \$125 (eats 2 meals per weekend at restaurant) Phone/Cable: \$125 Medical Expenses: \$100 Child Care: \$0 Other: \$75	Transportation: \$200 (includes car payment) Food: \$125 (receives food stamps in addition to \$125 spent weekly) Phone/Cable: \$125 Medical Expenses: \$100 Child Care: \$0 Other: \$250	Transportation: \$35 (monthly bus pass) Food: \$150 Phone/Cable: \$80 Medical Expenses: \$0 Child Care: \$0 Other: \$350 (Restitution & debt owed to friend)	Transportation: \$35 (monthly bus pass) Food: \$40 - eats at fast food restaurant and homeless shelter. (Once he leaves the homeless shelter he estimates his food costs will be \$140/month.) Phone/Cable: \$80 Child Care: \$0 Other: \$50 savings for security deposit on an apartment. Once he has an apartment he hopes to continue saving \$50 per month.	Transportation: \$50 Food: \$175 Phone/Cable: \$120 Child Care: \$0 Other: \$300 savings and \$300 to help her daughter and granddaughter on a monthly basis
Step 3: Subtract income from expenses to determine the amount available for rent and utilities.	\$250 - \$300 (her portion)	\$450 - \$500	\$400	\$200	\$650

