

Monthly Income and Target Rent

Identify all sources of income to determine your target rent. Many landlords recommend that tenants budget 25-30% of their monthly income for rent. Plan on using 28% as a general rule.

Step 1: List all income sources and amounts

Income Source	Annual Amount	Monthly Amount
<i>Example: Scholarship</i>	<i>\$5000</i>	<i>\$--</i>
<i>Example: Summer job</i>	<i>\$--</i>	<i>\$1500</i>
Scholarships and grants		
Loans		
Family contribution		
Job 1	\$	\$
Job 2	\$	\$
Investments	\$	\$
Tax refunds	\$	\$
Other 1	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

Step 2: Calculate total monthly income

$$\left(\frac{\text{Total Annual Amount}}{12} \right) + \text{Total Monthly Amount} = \text{Gross Monthly Income}$$

Step 3: Calculate target rent

$$\text{Gross Monthly Income} \times 0.28 = \text{Target Rent}$$