Better Money Habits®

Managing Your Money For those new or returning to the U.S.



Banking basics: Managing the day-to-day

Building a budget

- 1. Calculate your net income
- 2. Track your spending and expenses
- 3. Set realistic goals
- 4. Make a plan
- 5. Adjust your spending to stay on budget
- 6. Review your budget regularly

Heads of households: incorporate your dependent's needs in your budget.



50/30/20 rule

The 50/30/20 rule is a budgeting technique that divides your take-home income into three categories by percentages. It's a framework to allocate and track your spending.



Investment products:



Sample budget worksheet

Spending Plan Worksheet		BANKC	BANK OF AMERICA 🚧	
Income				
Your take-home pay	s			
Additional household take-home pay	s			
Other	s			
Total income (sum of rows above)	\$			
Spending category	Planned spending	Actual spending	Check if spent as planned	
Expenses: Home and Utilities				
Mortgage or rent	s	s		
Groceries	s	s		
Electricity	\$	\$		
Gas	S	\$		
Water	\$	\$		
Cable/internet	S	\$		
Mobile phone	s	\$		
Other	\$	\$		
Expenses: Insurance and Financial				
Health insurance	\$	\$		
Other insurance	\$	\$		
Credit cards	\$	\$		
Other loans	s	\$		
Savings	\$	\$		
Other	\$	\$		
Expenses: Personal and Medical				
Medication (not covered by health insurance)	S	\$		
Medical, dental and eye care costs (not covered by health insurance)	s	s	•	
Education	\$	\$		
Other	\$	\$		
Expenses: Entertainment				
Restaurants	\$	\$		
Movies and music	\$	\$		
Other	\$	\$		
Expenses: Transportation and Auto				
Public transportation	\$	\$		
Car expenses	\$	\$		
Other	\$	\$		
Expenses: Other				
	S	\$		
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Total expenses (sum of all europeas)	S	\$		
Total expenses (sum of all expenses)	S	\$		
Net savings or loss	s	s		

Tips for creating an emergency fund

It's important to have an emergency fund to prepare for the unexpected.

- Pick a realistic number and start today
- Cut out one or two things you can do without
- Set up automatic transfers
- If your debt is manageable, consider allotting funds to both debt and savings
- Create a separate savings account for your emergency fund
- Steadily increase the balance until you have enough to cover three to six months of expenses



Digital banking tools

Almost anything you can do inside a bank, you can also do from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

Features to make banking easier

- Make monitoring your account balances and transactions fast and easy
- See where your money is going, which can make it easier to stick to a budget
- Set up mobile app, text and email alerts for low balances, bill paying and overdraft or late fees
- Quickly spot any suspicious activity





What is a Digital Wallet?

A Digital Wallet is a convenient way to pay using your phone. Examples include Apple Pay®, Samsung Pay® and Google PayTM .

To use your Digital Wallet:

- Select the wallet app on your device and follow the prompts
- To pay in-store, hold your phone up to the Contactless Symbol on the checkout terminal
- To pay in-app or online, look for the icon on your Digital Wallet app to check out

Three perks of paying with your Digital Wallet:

- 1. You no longer need to carry a physical wallet
- 2. You can quickly make purchases in-store, in-app or online
- 3. Your card information is safe because your number is not stored on your device or shared with most merchants

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Fast and simple deposits

Deposit checks from almost anywhere through a mobile banking app. Most accounts follow these simple steps:

- Open the app and select "deposit checks"
- Sign the back of the check
- Take photos of the front and the back of the check
- Select the account to receive the deposit
- Confirm details and submit



Transfer money to friends and family

Digital apps make it easy.

- Transfer between your accounts
- Send money to people you know in minutes* using Zelle®
- Transfer from bank to bank



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Key takeaways

Building a budget is an important way to track your spending and set realistic

goals.

Even if you can only afford to set aside a little extra money per month, creating an emergency fund will help you prepare for the unexpected. 3

Digital banking tools can help make banking more convenient and make monitoring balances and transactions fast and easy. 4

A Digital Wallet is a safe and easy way to make in-store purchases without having to carry a physical wallet.

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Depositing checks and transferring money through a mobile banking app saves you time and offers instant access to funds when needed.





Conclusion



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- Just scan before you leave, and we can set up a time that works for you



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