Personal Budget Categories

Housing

- o Rent or mortgage
- Property taxes
- Home insurance
- Repairs and maintenance

• Utilities

- Electricity
- Water and sewer
- Natural gas or heating
- Trash collection
- Internet, cable, and phone

Food

- Groceries
- o Dining out / takeout
- School lunches

• Transportation

- Gas or public transit
- Car payment
- Auto insurance
- Maintenance and repairs
- Parking and tolls

• Childcare & Education

- Preschool or daycare
- School supplies and fees
- Tuition (if applicable)
- After-school programs or babysitters

• Healthcare

- Insurance premiums
- Co-pays and prescriptions

- Dental and vision care
- Over-the-counter medicine

• Debt Payments

- Credit card payments
- Student loans
- Personal loans
- o Medical debt

• Savings & Investments

- Emergency fund
- o Retirement (401k, IRA)
- o College fund (529 plans)
- General savings goals

• Insurance

- Health insurance
- o Life insurance
- Auto insurance
- Renter's or homeowner's insurance

• Personal & Household

- Clothing and shoes
- o Toiletries and personal care
- Cleaning supplies
- o Subscriptions (streaming, apps)

• Entertainment & Recreation

- Movies, concerts, events
- Hobbies and activities
- Family outings or vacations
- Gym memberships

• Gifts & Donations

- Holiday gifts
- o Birthday presents
- Charitable giving

Miscellaneous

Pet care

- o Bank fees
- Unexpected expenses
- Home office supplies