

What Monthly Payment Can You Afford?

There are many online calculators available to help you determine how much of a total monthly mortgage payment you may be able to afford. An easy guideline to follow is the 36% rule; your total monthly debt should stay below 36% of your gross income (Debt-to-Income Ratio or DTI)¹. To do a quick estimate of what you could potentially afford, you need two basic numbers: Maximum Debt and Monthly Debt. Your lender may permit a different ratio than the estimate below.

GROSS INCOME

Step 1: Calculate your maximum debt based on your desired DTI ratio.

1	Annual Base Income	\$	
2	Annual Bonus, Commission and Overtime	\$	
3	Annual Military Entitlements	\$	
4	Other Annual Income (i.e. Child Support or Alimony)	\$	
5	GROSS INCOME (1+2+3+4) MONTHLY INCOME (Row 5 ÷ 12)	\$ 0.00	x 0.36
7		Maximum Debt	0.00

DEBTS

Step 2: Subtract your monthly debt from your maximum debt to calculate your max monthly mortgage payment.



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