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Budget Practice

Her planned income:

Michelle works part-time at a medical office and part-time at a store. The net monthly income from her first job is \$1100. The net monthly income from her second job is \$1300.

Her planned fixed monthly expenses include:

\$350 for rent (she shares an apartment with two friends)
\$175 for car payment
\$195 for car insurance

Her planned flexible expenses include:

\$100 (to save for going to community college)
\$225 for food
\$75 for gas
\$50 for clothes
\$60 for entertainment
\$30 for personal items

How her month actually went:

Her actual income:

Michelle made an additional \$45 in overtime pay this month

Her actual fixed expenses:

Rent went up to \$375, starting this month
Her car payment was \$175
Her car insurance went up to \$200

Her actual flexible expenses were:

\$250 (She had a dinner party for which she hadn't budgeted.)
\$90 for gas
\$35 for parking and road tolls
\$250 for car repairs
\$80 for a new pair of running shoes
\$70 for entertainment
\$50 for personal items
\$42 for a birthday present for her sister

Her unexpected expenses this month:

Michelle got a speeding ticket and a parking ticket. The total cost of both tickets was \$230.

1. Calculate the total for Michelle's planned expenses.

Total Planned Expenses:

2. Calculate the total for Michelle's actual expenses this month.

Total Actual Expenses:

3. How much of a difference was there between her planned and actual expenses?
4. In what areas did she spend less than she planned?
5. How much did she spend for the use of her car this month?
6. How much money did she have at the end of the month that she could put into savings?
7. What could Michelle have done differently this month to save a little more money?

Think about how you would spend your money.

8. If this were you, what flexible expenses would probably be the highest?
9. Michelle rents her apartment with a couple of friends. Would you be willing to have roommates to bring down your rent cost?
10. What other monthly expenses would you have that are not listed in Michelle's budget?