

Financial Assessment

| Household Income (Monthly) | Household Expenses (Monthly) |
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| Social Security _____ | Mortgage/rent _____ |
| Employment income _____ | Utilities _____ |
| Retirement/pension _____ | Food _____ |
| (include IRAs, Annuities, KEOGHS) | Transportation _____ |
| Investment income _____ | Clothing _____ |
| Alimony _____ | Medications _____ |
| Other income _____ | Insurance premiums _____ |
| Total Income _____ | (e.g., health insurance like Medicare, car, homeowners, long-term care) |
| Assets (Estimated Market Value) | Entertainment _____ |
| House/condominium _____ | Credit card payments _____ |
| Other property _____ | Loan payments _____ |
| Stocks, bonds, etc. _____ | Taxes _____ |
| Pension (IRA, 401k, etc.) _____ | (divide annual taxes such as property taxes by 12) |
| Savings/money market _____ | Home maintenance _____ |
| CDs _____ | (Includes major household repairs, such as exterior painting, roof repairs, and window repair/replacement, estimated on a monthly basis.) |
| Insurance (cash value) _____ | Home cleaning or chores _____ |
| Annuities _____ | Other expenses _____ |
| Checking acct. Balance _____ | Total Expenses _____ |
| Automobile(s) _____ | |
| Prepaid burial _____ | |
| Furnishings _____ | |
| Collectibles _____ | |
| Jewelry _____ | |
| Other assets _____ | |
| Total Assets _____ | |

Now, calculate your monthly disposable income by subtracting total expenses from total income:

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| Total Monthly Income | \$ |
| Minus Total Monthly Expenses | -\$ _____ |
| = Monthly Disposable Income | \$ |

Your monthly disposable income represents the amount you can afford to pay for additional services—such as cleaning, maintenance, or personal care—if you decide to stay in your current home.

If your disposable income is relatively small, consider whether you would be willing to sell any of your assets to pay for your service choice. And, if you *did* tap into your assets, consider how long they could support the choice you've made.

If you have concerns about paying for long-term care, either at home or in another setting, you may want to check into publicly funded programs, including subsidized housing.

Source: Much of the above information comes from *A Key to Choice for Seniors*, published by the East Metro Seniors Agenda for Independent Living (SAIL) Project.