



**HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD TO PAY FOR A MONTHLY PAYMENT?**

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1. What is your GROSS HOUSEHOLD'S TOTAL monthly income? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (A)  
\*Be sure to include any income received by Social Security, Child Support, Pension, Retirement, etc.  
\*\*Be sure to include income received by ALL household members.

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2. What are the household's monthly debts? (do not include utility bills, insurance payments, etc.)

Car Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Child Support Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Loan Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care Payments: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL OF ALL MONTHLY PAYMENTS:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

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3. Front-end Ratio (34% of your gross household income)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ X 34% = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (C) = Your **front-end ratio**  
Write in amount from (A)

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4. Back-end Ratio (42% of your gross household income – your household debts):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ X 42% = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (D) =  
Write in amount from (A)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Minus \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (E) = Your **back-end ratio**  
Write in amount from (D) Write in amount from (B)

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5. Income Available for a Monthly House Payment:

Compare Lines C and E: C = \_\_\_\_\_ E = \_\_\_\_\_  
The lowest number when comparing lines C AND E, is your MAXIMUM allowable TOTAL House Payment.

*Community Housing staff will calculate what price home you should be looking for based on this number. This is why you must be as specific and accurate as possible with all of your income and debts.*



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