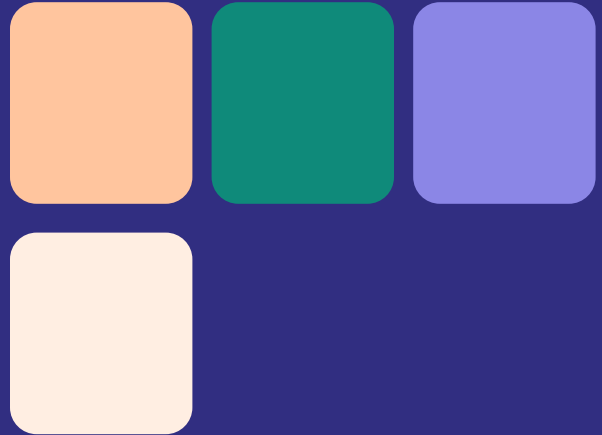




First Apartment Planner

Your move, on paper

General educational information, not legal or financial advice.
Tenant laws, deposits and fees vary by state and city.
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Rent budget

Start from what lands in your account each month.

Monthly take-home pay

Yearly income before tax

30% of monthly income before tax

Yearly income divided by 40

Monthly cost	Amount
Rent	
Utilities	
Internet and phone	
Food	
Transport	
Debt payments	
Renters insurance	
Savings	
Everything else	
Total (must be under take-home pay)	

Move-in savings

Add up every upfront cost, then save toward it each month.

Cost	Estimate	Saved
First month's rent		
Security deposit		
Last month's rent (if asked)		
Application fees		
Moving		
Utility deposits and setup		
Furnishing basics		
Renters insurance		
Total		
Months until I move		
Save each month		

Apartment comparison

Three places side by side, on the real monthly cost.

	Place 1	Place 2	Place 3
Address			
Rent			
Utilities I pay (estimate)			
Parking / pet / other fees			
Commute cost and time			
Laundry			
Deposit and move-in cash			
Lease length			
Viewing notes			
Real monthly cost			

Your first month on your own often costs more. Plan for it.

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Moving checklist

From giving notice to unpacking.

Before moving day	Done
☐ Give notice at my current place, in writing	
☐ Read and sign the lease; keep a copy	
☐ Get renters insurance	
☐ Set up utilities and internet from move-in day	
☐ Book movers or a truck; collect boxes	
☐ Change my address with USPS and important accounts	

Moving day	Done
☐ Photograph and video every room before unpacking	
☐ Note existing damage and send it to the landlord	
☐ Take meter readings	
☐ Test smoke and CO detectors and locks	

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