

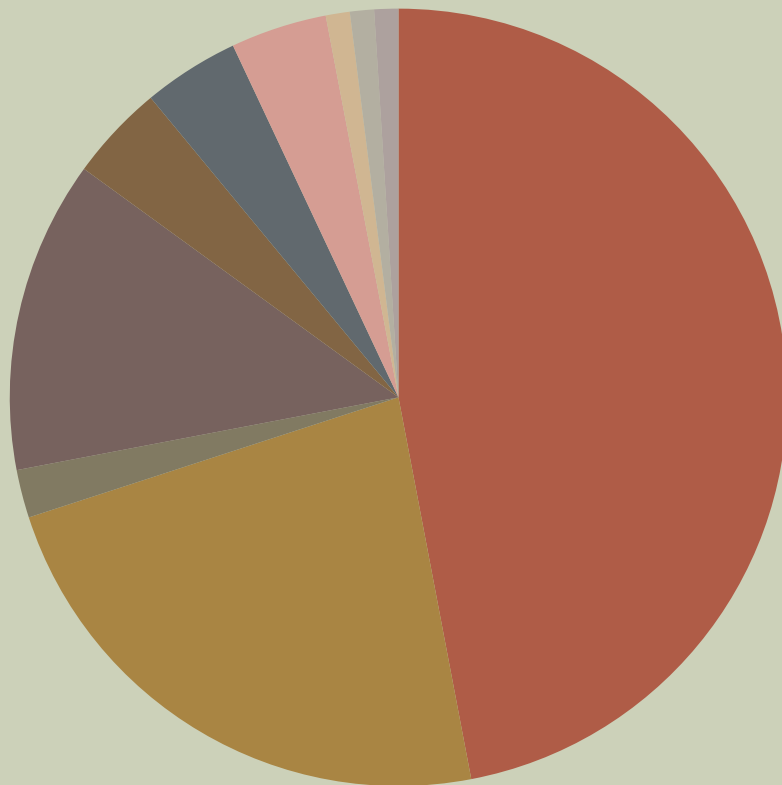
STUDENT X

Period

# The Budget Project

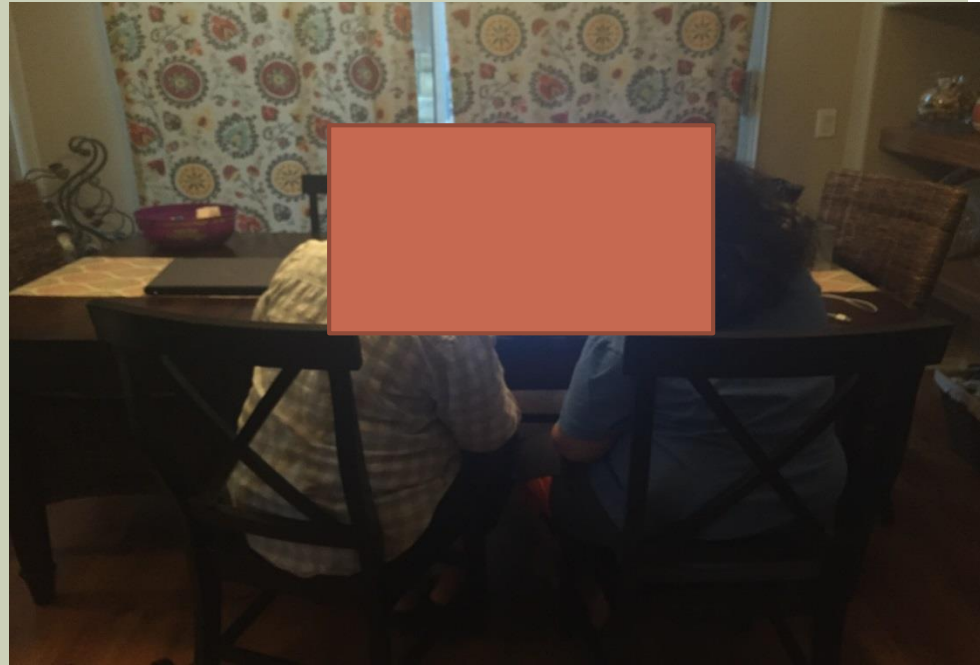
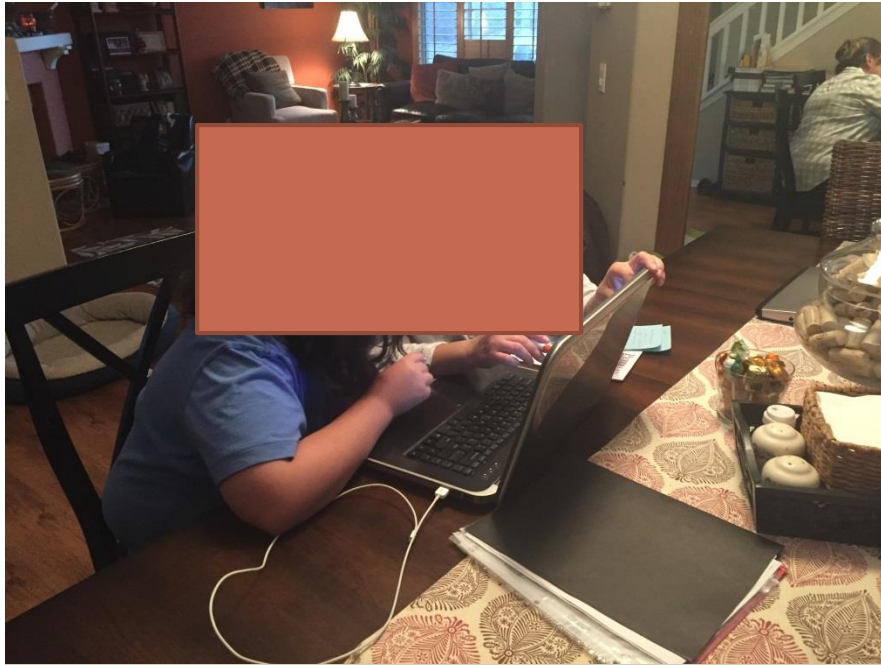
# CHART

## Cost of Living Per Day



- Credit Cards (\$22)
- Food (\$11)
- Electricity (\$1)
- Health Insurance (\$6)
- Gasoline (\$2)
- Media (\$2)
- Mobile Phones (\$2)
- Trash (\$0.28)
- Water (\$0.39)
- Heating/Gas (\$2)

# WORKING ON THE PROJECT



# THE EVIDENCE

**verizon**  
PO BOX 4855  
ACWORTH, GA 30101-8006

Manage Your Account Account Number Date Due  
www.verizon.com 10-15-16

Change your address at  
www.verizon.com/address

Insurance Number

**Quick Bill Summary** Oct 24 - Nov 23

Previous Balance (see back for details)	\$204.63
Payment - Thank You	-\$204.63
Balance Forward	\$ 0.00
Monthly Charges	\$159.00
Equipment Charges	\$58.32
Surcharges and Other Charges & Credits	\$6.10
Taxes, Governmental Surcharges & Fees	\$2.21
<b>Total Current Charges</b>	<b>\$204.63</b>

**Total Charges Due by December 18, 2016 \$204.63**

**verizon**  
Bill Date: November 23, 2016  
Account Number: [REDACTED]  
Invoice Number: [REDACTED]

**Total Amount Due by December 18, 2016 \$204.63**

Make check payable to Verizon Wireless.  
Please return this remittance slip with payment.

PO BOX 660108  
DALLAS, TX 75266-0108

Pay from phone Pay on the Web Questions:  
www.verizon.com My Verizon at www.verizon.com 1.800.922.0204 or \*611 from your phone

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON**  
An EDISON INTERNATIONAL Company

P.O. Box 600  
Pleasanton, CA  
91771-0001  
www.sce.com

**Your electricity bill** Page 1 of 6

For billing and service inquiries call 1-800-684-8123.

Date bill prepared: Nov 17 '16

Customer account: [REDACTED]  
Service account: [REDACTED]  
Rotating outage: [REDACTED]

**Your account summary**

Previous Balance	\$165.74
Payment Received 11/07	-\$165.74
Balance Forward	\$0.00
Your new charges	\$117.31
<b>Total amount you owe by Dec 6 '16</b>	<b>\$117.31</b>

**Compare the electricity you are using**

For meter [REDACTED] from Oct 17 '16 to Nov 16 '16  
Total electricity you used this month in kWh: 607  
Your next billing cycle will end on or about Dec 16 '16.

**Your daily average electricity usage (kWh)**

2 Years ago: 20.31	Last year: 21.19	This year: 20.23
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Please return the payment stub below with your payment and make your check payable to Southern California Edison.  
If you want to pay in person, call 1-800-347-8908 for locations, or you can pay online at www.sce.com.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON**  
An EDISON INTERNATIONAL Company

Customer account 2-17-966-9668  
Please write this number on your check. Make your check payable to Southern California Edison.

Amount due by Dec 6 '16 **\$117.31**  
Amount enclosed \$ [REDACTED]

17 966 9668 9668

# THE EVIDENCE

**SoCalGas** Semptra Energy utility

ACCOUNT NUMBER: [REDACTED]  
SERVICE FOR: [REDACTED]

DATE MAILED: Nov 21, 2016 Page 1 of 2  
24 Hour Service: 1-800-437-2200 English  
1-800-342-6545 Español  
1-800-252-0258TTY  
www.socalgas.com

### Account Summary

Amount of Last Bill: \$23.76  
Payment Received: 11/09/16 THANK YOU -23.76  
Current Charges: -30.09  
Total Amount Due: **\$30.09**

### Current Charges

Rate: GR - Residential Climate Zone: 1 Baseline Allowance: 36 Therms  
Meter Number: [REDACTED] Next scheduled read date: 12/18/2016 Cycle: 14

Billing Period	Start Date	Current Reading	Previous Reading	Difference	Billing Factor	Total Therms
10/18/16 - 11/17/16	30	0050	0026	24	1.003	24

### GAS CHARGES

Customer Charge	Amount
30 Days x \$16.438	4.93
Gas Service (Details below)	
Base	
Therms used: 24	
Rate/Therm: \$1.94792	
Charge: \$22.75	22.75
<b>Total Gas Charges</b>	<b>\$27.68</b>

### TAXES & FEES ON GAS CHARGES

Item	Amount
State Regulatory Fee (24 Therms x \$0.0093)	.02
Public Purpose Surcharge (24 Therms x \$0.0955)	2.39
<b>Total Taxes and Fees on Gas Charges</b>	<b>\$2.41</b>
<b>Total Current Charges</b>	<b>\$30.09</b>

### Gas Usage History (Total Therms used)

Month	Total Therms used	Days in billing cycle
Nov 13	32	30
Oct 16	17	28
Nov 16	24	30

California residents use up to seven times more natural gas in winter than in summer. It's important we conserve energy and avoid energy shortages. Energy Providers of Southern California educate customers on how to conserve. Visit [ConservedEnergySoCal.com](http://ConservedEnergySoCal.com).

Need extra natural gas to heat your home due to a medical condition? You may be eligible for more natural gas at our lowest baseline rate through the Medical Baseline Allowance program. To learn more, visit [socalgas.com/medical](http://socalgas.com/medical).

The Gas Company's gas commodity cost per therm for your billing period:  
Nov. .... \$3205    Oct. .... \$3549

PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS (FAVOR DE GUARDAR ESTA PARTE PARA SUS REGISTROS)  
PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT (FAVOR DE DEVOLVER ESTA PARTE CON EL PAGO)

**SoCalGas** Semptra Energy utility

ACCOUNT NUMBER: [REDACTED]  
DATE DUE: Dec 13, 2016  
AMOUNT DUE: \$30.09

Please enter amount enclosed.

\$

Write account number on check and make payable to The Gas Company.

THE GAS COMPANY  
PO BOX C  
MONTEREY PARK CA 91756-5111

Total Universe TV charges	\$138.94
Internet	
Monthly Charges for 10/27 - 11/26	
Internet 24	\$30.00
Internet 24 (Promotional Offer)	-\$10.00
<b>Total Monthly Charges</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Additions &amp; Changes to Service</b>	
Your bill includes plan changes.	
Removed 10/07	-\$44.67
Added 10/07	
Internet 24	\$33.33
Charges from 10/07 - 10/26	
Internet 24 (Promotional Offer)	-\$6.67
Credited from 10/07 - 10/26	
<b>Total Additions &amp; Changes to Service</b>	<b>-\$18.01</b>
<b>Total Internet charges</b>	<b>\$21.99</b>
Phone	
Monthly Charges for 10/27 - 11/26	
[REDACTED]	\$30.00
[REDACTED]	-\$20.01
[REDACTED]	
<b>Total Monthly Charges</b>	<b>\$9.99</b>
<b>Surcharges &amp; Fees</b>	
CA Advanced Services Fund (CASF)	\$0.01
CA CHCF A	\$0.01
CA Relay Service Device Fund	\$0.04
CA Teleconnected Fund	\$0.20
CA Universal Lifetime	\$1.24
Federal Universal Service Charge	\$0.66
Regulatory Cost Recovery Charge	\$2.17
<b>Total Surcharges &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$4.33</b>
<b>Government Fees &amp; Taxes</b>	
CA State Emergency Telephone Users (911) Tax	\$0.03
<b>Total Government Fees &amp; Taxes</b>	<b>\$0.03</b>
<b>Total Phone charges</b>	<b>\$12.19</b>
<b>Total charges</b>	<b>\$171.40</b>

<https://www.att.com/viewfile?servid=view7&app=10189734&billDate=20161026&Region=V&CFINTEGRITY=v5-0367a03-1YYDJPWFIC&yyLVZbK1G%2Fz6Z...> 34

# THE EVIDENCE

	AT&T
CA State Sales Tax	
<b>Total Government Fees &amp; Taxes</b>	<b>\$0.17</b>
<b>Total Account Charges</b>	<b>-\$0.24</b>
	<b>\$6.28</b>
<b>AT&amp;T</b>	
<b>U-verse TV</b>	
<b>Monthly Charges for 10/27 - 11/26</b>	
AT&T U-verse TV U450	\$131.00
AT&T U-verse TV U450 (Promotional Offer)	-\$30.00
HD Premium Tier	\$7.00
Receiver Fee	\$10.00
Receiver Fee	\$10.00
Receiver Fee	\$10.00
Receiver Fee (Promotional Offer)	-\$10.00
<b>Total Monthly Charges</b>	<b>\$128.00</b>
<b>Additions &amp; Changes to Service</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Your bill includes plan changes.	
<b>Removed 10/07</b>	
AT&T U-verse TV U200	-\$55.33
Credited from 10/07 - 10/26	
HBO	-\$10.67
Credited from 10/07 - 10/26	
HD Technology Fee	-\$6.67
Credited from 10/07 - 10/26	
<b>Added 10/07</b>	
AT&T U-verse TV U450	\$87.33
Charged from 10/07 - 10/26	
AT&T U-verse TV U450 (Promotional Offer)	-\$20.00
Credited from 10/07 - 10/26	
Receiver Fee (Promotional Offer)	-\$6.67
Credited from 10/07 - 10/26	
<b>Total Additions &amp; Changes to Service</b>	<b>-\$12.01</b>
<b>Surcharges &amp; Fees</b>	
Broadcast TV Surcharge	\$4.99
CA Local Video Facilities Fee	\$1.20
CA Local Video Service Franchise Fee	\$6.83
Regulatory Video Cost Recovery Charge	\$0.09
<b>Total Surcharges &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$13.11</b>
<b>Government Fees &amp; Taxes</b>	
CA County District Sales Tax	\$0.30
CA County Sales Tax	\$0.25
CA State Sales Tax	\$1.29

# THE MATH

To find the total amount spent for the cost of living for my family, I divided the amount per month for various needs by 3. I divided the number by 3 because it is the number of people that are in my household. Then, I divided that by 30 (days in the month) to find the cost per-person per-day.

## Examples

Credit Cards:  $\$2000/3 = \$666/30 = \$22$  per person per day.

Food:  $\$1000/3 = \$333/30 = \$11$  per person per day.

To create a chart, we divided the total cost per day of each need by the total cost of living for a day (\$47.01).

## Example:

Credit Card:  $\$22 \text{ per day} / \$47.01 = 47\%$  of cost of living per day

# MY DISCOVERY

My Discovery was finding out how expensive it is for me to live for just one day. After seeing all the bills and looking at the price we have to pay just to keep me alive, I was surprised. But, even though it is expensive, I think it is stuff I really need to survive. I thought it was interesting that the most expensive item in the daily costs was the credit card charges which are used for medical needs, prescriptions, entertainment, and other miscellaneous purchases. This did not surprise me, though, because we use our credit card a lot.

I have never thought about the fact that these things that we use cost us money. For example, I never think about how much my parents spend to buy food. In fact, I really do not think about it most of the time, except for when I'm starving. I am grateful for what my parents do and spend to keep me alive.