

Tough Choices

The 15-piece candy budget represents \$45,991 of annual income. That equates to roughly \$3,833 a month or about \$885 a week. You're a family of three: Yourself, a 3yr old and a 9yr old child.

	A (1 Candy)	B (2 Candy)	C (3 Candy)
Housing	Studio Apartment: 1 bedroom, 1 bath, unfurnished, no patio, street parking, stove only		House: 2 bedrooms, 1 ½ bathroom, unfurnished, small, fenced yard, 2-car garage, stove, refrigerator and dishwasher
Transportation	Walk or bike everywhere, no public transit available. Your commute to work will be over an hour.	Walk, bike, or take public transit. Your commute to work will be over an hour.	Own your own car. Your commute to work will be less then an hour.
Unexpected (must choose one and no reallocating once choose)	transportation)	Credit Card or Payday Loan due L	Child sick & missed 2 days of work L
Healthcare	health-related costs	Health insurance for you through your employer but no health Insurance for your family members	Health insurance for you and your family through your employer
Food (per person)	1 meal a day	2 meals a day	3 meals a day and snacks
Technology access	No cell phone	No computer Cell phone TV – no cable	Computer w/internet Cell phone TV with cable
Childcare	Child is watched by a neighbor	Child attends an unaccredited childcare program that offers limited stimulation	Child attends a quality childcare program with ear learning components preparing the child to enter school
After School Program		3-day/week program where they work on homework and play outside	5-day/week program with enrichment activities su as arts, sports, learning clubs, computer education, etc.
Spending Money	\$5/week after all bills are paid	\$20/week after all bills are paid	\$50/week after all bills are paid