

End of USA RV Roadtrip Summary

Trip Length	Feb 3rd, 2011 - Nov 4th, 2011 (9 months or 275 days)
Miles Traveled	19,596
States visited	37 (including home state of Hawaii)
Canadian Provinces visited	2
National Parks	???
Traveled in	97 Fleetwood Southwind 34' Motorhome
RV purchase price	\$9,000.00
RV additional costs	\$2,814 (\$440 RV pre-purchase inspection, \$874 Smog & Reg, \$1500 new roof seal, \$350 insurance)
RV Ave MPG	7
Ave price per gallon gas	\$3.56
Total all costs for 9 month trip	\$27,449
Total all costs Ave per month	\$3,050

<u>Per Day Averages</u>		<u>Per Month Averages</u>		<u>Per Year Averages</u>	
Total per day average	\$99.81	Total per Month average	\$3,034.22	Total per day average	\$36,430.65
Food & Alcohol	\$29.69	Food & Alcohol	\$902.58	Food & Alcohol	\$10,836.85
Sleep (mostly free in RV)	\$4.76	Sleep (mostly free in RV)	\$144.70	Sleep (mostly free in RV)	\$1,737.40
Fun stuff	\$8.21	Fun stuff	\$249.58	Fun stuff	\$2,996.65
Possessions bought	\$3.81	Possessions bought	\$115.82	Possessions bought	\$1,390.65
Fuel	\$35.95	Fuel	\$1,092.88	Fuel	\$13,121.75
Local transportation (bus, train, etc)	\$1.30	Local transportation (bus, train, etc)	\$39.52	Local transportation (bus, train, etc)	\$474.50
Long distance transportation	\$0.00	Long distance transportation	\$0.00	Long distance transportation	\$0.00
Communications (Phone, mail, etc)	\$2.56	Communications (Phone, mail, etc)	\$77.82	Communications (Phone, mail, etc)	\$934.40
Daily living	\$3.22	Daily living	\$97.89	Daily living	\$1,175.30
Dog Stuff	\$2.71	Dog Stuff	\$82.38	Dog Stuff	\$989.15
RV Exp (Equip, propane, dumps, etc)	\$5.80	RV Exp (Equip, propane, dumps, etc)	\$176.32	RV Exp (Equip, propane, dumps, etc)	\$2,117.00
Other	\$1.08	Other	\$32.83	Other	\$394.20

Note: Along the way we've met many people who said they have always wanted to take a trip like this but they didn't know where to go, what to do, or how much it all would cost. I hope this spreadsheet helps answer some of those questions and they make it a reality someday. The freedom you experience while traveling long term in an RV is wonderful and thanks to all the amenities of home (kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, living room, etc) all conveniently only a few steps away, its much more relaxing and economical than traveling by car & hotel.

Also note our original estimate of about 1 year to circle the USA & visit some areas of Canada seems like it would have been about right. We unfortunately had to cut short our west coast leg and travel from Seattle, Washington to San Diego, California in a week due to our RV getting totaled in an accident. Instead of waiting around several weeks and trying to get it repaired we took to money and headed home in a rental vehicle. We may finish this leg another time when we have another RV and the season is right (summer).

Feel free to e-mail us if you have any questions or comments at traveldogsbark@gmail.com or check out our RV travel website for this trip at www.travel-dogs.com.

Yearly Financial Tracker 2011

USA Motorhome Road trip

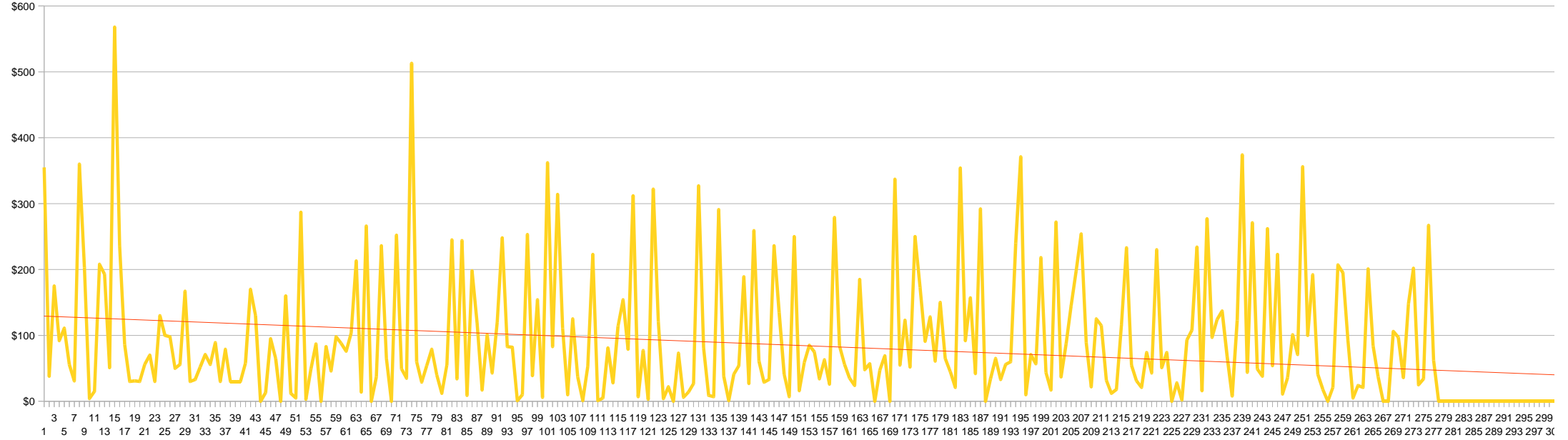
ALL Expenses for life on the road 9 months.

Starting Cash Balance:
 11/07/11
<http://travel-dogs.com>

	Feb [28]			Mar [31]			Apr [30]			May [31]			Jun [30]			Jul [31]			Aug [31]			Sep [30]			Oct [31]			Nov [30]			Dec [31]			Jan [31]			TOTAL	TOTAL	% of budget
	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual	Diff	Budget	Actual				
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total Expenses	2,410	3,463	-1,053	2,485	2,058	427	2,460	3,244	-784	2,085	3,216	-1,131	2,060	2,708	-648	2,085	2,772	-687	2,085	3,610	-1,525	2,060	3,011	-951	2,085	2,979	-894	2,060	388	1,672	2,435	0	2,435	2,085	0	2,085			
NET (Income - Expenses)	-2,410	-3,463	-1,053	-2,485	-2,058	427	-2,460	-3,244	-784	-2,085	-3,216	-1,131	-2,060	-2,708	-648	-2,085	-2,772	-687	-2,085	-3,610	-1,525	-2,060	-3,011	-951	-2,085	-2,979	-894	-2,060	-388	-1,672	-2,435	0	-2,435	-2,085	0	-2,085			
Projected End Balance	-2,410	-3,463	-1,053	-4,895	-5,521	-626	-7,355	-8,765	-1,410	-9,440	-10,776	-2,541	-11,400	-12,708	-3,189	-12,085	-13,457	-3,876	-12,085	-13,610	-5,401	-12,060	-13,011	-6,352	-12,085	-12,979	-7,246	-12,060	-13,388	-5,574	-12,435	-13,776	-3,139	-12,085	-13,054	-1,054			
Actual End Balance	-2,410	-3,463	-1,053	-4,895	-5,521	-626	-7,355	-8,765	-1,410	-9,440	-10,776	-2,541	-11,400	-12,708	-3,189	-12,085	-13,457	-3,876	-12,085	-13,610	-5,401	-12,060	-13,011	-6,352	-12,085	-12,979	-7,246	-12,060	-13,388	-5,574	-12,435	-13,776	-3,139	-12,085	-13,054	-1,054			
INCOME																																							
Wages & Tips																																							
Other Income																																							
Total INCOME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
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FOOD & DRINK																																							
Breakfast [4]	112	71	41	124	0	124	120	22	98	124	52	72	120	75	45	124	82	42	124	84	40	120	10	110	124	52	72	120	25	95	124	0	124	124	0	124			
Lunch [8]	224	52	172	248	55	193	240	96	144	248	93	155	240	26	214	248	238	10	248	126	122	240	178	112	248	106	142	240	31	209	248	0	248	248	0	248			
Dinner [10]	280	104	176	310	121	189	300	146	154	310	126	184	300	219	81	310	314	-4	310	299	11	300	177	123	310	96	214	300	76	224	310	0	310	310	0	310			
Snack [3]	84	6	78	93	9	84	90	26	64	93	19	74	90	26	64	93	52	41	93	33	60	90	24	66	93	2	91	90	2	88	93	0	93	93	0	93			
Drink	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Alcohol	165	-165	204	-204	333	-333	273	-273	192	325	-325	182	-182	66	-66	138	-138	74	-74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Groceries	443	-443	292	-292	267	-267	264	-264	300	300	0	-300	300	0	-300	231	-231	328	-328	294	-294	501	-501	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total FOOD & DRINK	700	841	-141	775	682	94	750	892	-142	775	827	-52	750	844	-94	775	1,251	-476	775	1,052	-277	750	722	28	775	903	-128	750	210	540	775	0	775	775	0	775			
SLEEPING																																							
Hostel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Hotel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Campsite	450	427	23	450	450	0	50	20	30	50	74	-24	50	15	35	50	189	-139	50	21	29	50	89	-39	50	33	17	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50			
Total SLEEPING	450	427	23	450	450	0	50	20	30	50	74	-24	50	15	35	50	189	-139	50	21	29	50	89	-39	50	33	17	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50			
FUN																																							
Activity	92	-92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	-45	0	5	-5	0	264	-264	30	-30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Equipment Rental	144	-144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Museum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	-26	0	20	-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Movies/Theater	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	-19	0	36	-36	0	18	-18	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Amusement Park	28	-28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	-120	0	60	-60	0	0	0	0	82	-82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sporting Event	0	0	0	15	-15	0	50	-50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Tour	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	-6	0	94	-94	0	94	-94	0	6	-6	0	0	0	0	135	-135	36	-36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Admission Fee	20	-20	0	30	-30	0	145	-145	0	7	-7	0	12	-12	0	0	0	0	32	-32	67	-67	15	-15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other Fun	200	32	168	200	36	164	200	0	200	200	79	121	200	0	200	200	65	135	200	0	200	200	0	200	200	229	-29	200	0	200	200	0	200	200	0	200			
Total FUN	200	316	-116	200	81	119	200	200	233	-33	200	206	-6	200	256	-56	200	632	68	200	396	-196	200	364	-164	200	280	-80	200	10	190	200	0	200	200	0	200		
STUFF																																							
Possession	20	161	-141	20	40	-20	20	80	-60	20	98	-78	20	17	3	20	11	9	20	74	-54	20	50	-30	20	188	-168	20	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	20			
Necessity	20	0	20	20	0	20	20	12	8	20	27	-7	20	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	20	0	20	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	20		
Gift	10	79	-69	10	138	-128	10	0	10	10	8	2	10	8	2	10	14	-4	10	13	-3	10	14	-4	10	23	-13	10	0	10	10	0	10	10	0	10			
Other	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50			
Total STUFF	100	240	-140	100	178	-78	100	92	8	100	133	-33	100	25	75	100	25	75	100	87	13	100	64	36	100	211	-111	100	0	100	100	0	100	100	0	100			
TRANSPORT LOCAL & FUEL																																							
Fuel	625	1,018	-393	625	215	410	625	1,115	-490	625	1,243	-618	625	1,200	-575	625	649	-24	625	1,546	-921	625	1,448	-823	625	1,356	-731	625	168	457	625	0	625	625	0	625			
Tolls	5	0	5	5	0	5	5	1	4	5	4	1	5	0	5	5	32	-27	5	5	4	1	5	9	-4</														

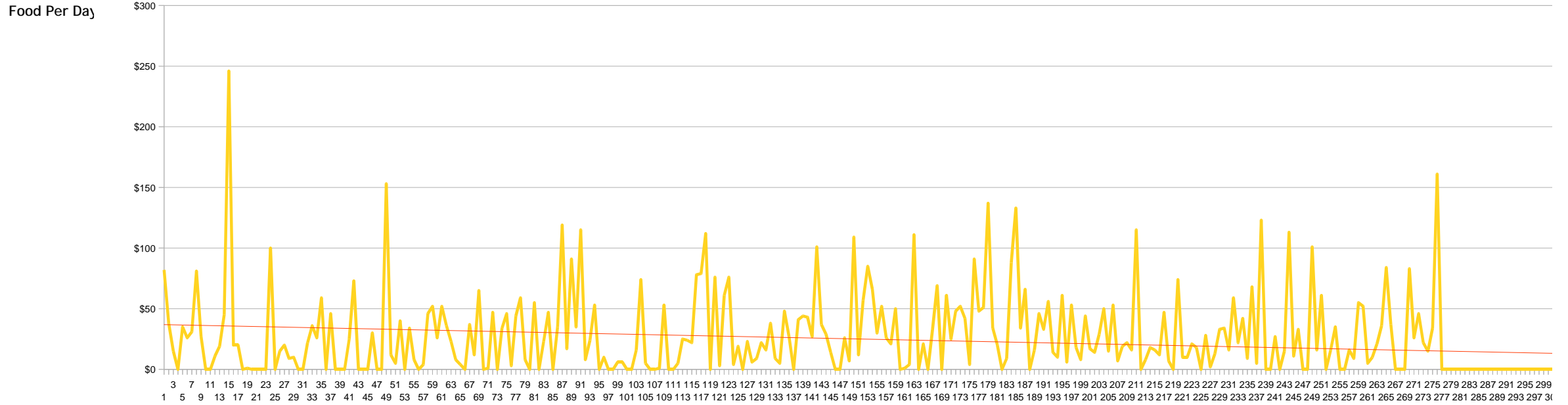
Day Trends

Day Spending



Monthly Summary	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Totals	Ave per day
Food	841	681	892	827	844	1251	1052	722	903	210	0	0	8223	29.69
Sleep	427	450	20	74	15	189	21	89	33	0	0	0	1318	4.76
Fun	316	81	233	206	256	132	396	364	280	10	0	0	2274	8.21
Stuff	240	178	92	133	25	25	87	64	211	0	0	0	1055	3.81
Fuel	1018	215	1115	1243	1200	649	1546	1448	1356	168	0	0	9958	35.95
Transport Local	67	0	4	24	16	77	88	70	14	0	0	0	360	1.3
Transport Major	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Communications	70	75	80	75	70	114	82	74	70	0	0	0	710	2.56
Daily Living	57	42	490	46	25	33	39	114	45	0	0	0	891	3.22
Dogs	0	138	25	224	161	164	0	18	22	0	0	0	752	2.71
RV	427	77	258	364	96	138	154	48	45	0	0	0	1607	5.8
Business	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0.2
Onetime	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	0	0	0	0	0	145	0.52
Unknown	0	65	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0.36
Savings (Not included in total calc.)	1113	1338	80	30	184	126	8	156	26	30	0	0	3091	11.16
Total	3463	2058	3244	3216	2708	2772	3610	3011	2979	388	0	0	27449	99.09

Food Trends



Monthly Summary	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Totals	Ave per day
Breakfast [120]	71	0	22	52	75	82	84	10	52	25	0	0	473	1.71
Lunch [240]	52	55	96	93	26	238	126	128	106	31	0	0	951	3.43
Dinner [300]	104	121	146	126	219	314	299	177	96	76	0	0	1678	6.06
Snack [90]	6	9	26	19	26	52	33	24	2	2	0	0	199	0.72
Groceries	443	292	269	264	300	231	328	294	501	0	0	0	2922	10.55
Drink	0	0	0	0	6	9	0	23	8	2	0	0	48	0.17
Alcohol	165	204	333	273	192	325	182	66	138	74	0	0	1952	7.05
Total	841	681	892	827	844	1251	1052	722	903	210	0	0	8223	29.69

Notes:

Feel free to modify and use this spreadsheet for your own budgeting needs. Delete the contents of the cells but keep the formulas or you'll lose all the auto summary calculations. Everything pulls from the 'Financial Tracking' tab so add the numbers there. Only add your estimated budget numbers to the 'Summary' tab it will automatically populate the other tabs. Change the names of the categories to whatever you want on all spreadsheets.

On budgeting- "If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading" -Lao Tzu

A budget is nothing more than your personal financial road map. Once a year you think hard about all the little things you're probably going to spend money on. You create categories for these expenses and estimate the amount it will come to. Its fairly easy to estimate recurring bills such as TV or internet, just look at your monthly bill and add a little extra for next year in case they raise the price. For other expenses that fluctuate such as food, before you start your budget try recording your food expenses for one month, then enter that amount (or less/more) for your estimated monthly food budget. Now that you've entered your estimated yearly expenses (don't forget seasonal expenses such as Christmas or birthday gifts), take a look at the totals. Does your after tax income cover it all? If so, good. If not, you better either 1. get a higher paying job or second job, or 2. reduce your spending. Its pretty simple to go back to your spreadsheet and reduce the amount you estimate in some of the categories until your income meets or exceeds your budget. The hard part is sticking to your budget so try to be realistic. Remember, a budget is only as good as the numbers you put into it. If you budget unrealistically low in order to make your target, yet each month spend over your budget, your just wasting you time. The point is to make your financial road map (budget), then use it frequently to analyze where you need to correct course in order to arrive at your financial destination.

On Recording Expenses-

The easiest way for me to record ALL expenses is on my iphone when it happens. In notes, add a new entry that says expenses. Then each time you buy something or pay for something, simply enter the date, how much you paid, and the category that matches your spreadsheet, like food or gas or whatever. Simply add a new date under the last entry and you keep all your expenses in one note. Then once a week or whenever is convenient, transfer the info to your spreadsheet. At that time you should analyze it and see where you went over, under, and where you need to improve for the upcoming days. Its best to transfer the info to your spreadsheet as frequently as possible so you can make the corrections early rather than find out late that your way off course.

Final note- " If you don't know where you're going, you could end up somewhere you don't want to be"