

ASFA Retirement Standard

Detailed budget breakdowns

December quarter 2021

Expenditure items	COUPLE		SINGLE	
	Comfortable lifestyle	Modest lifestyle	Comfortable lifestyle	Modest lifestyle
Building and contents insurance	\$34.61	\$34.55	\$32.65	\$27.18
Council rates	\$41.18	\$37.61	\$41.18	\$35.43
Water charges	\$24.71	\$24.71	\$21.27	\$21.27
Home improvements	\$7.20	\$0.00	\$7.20	\$0.00
Repairs and maintenance	\$21.60	\$21.60	\$21.60	\$21.60
Total housing	\$129.31	\$118.47	\$123.90	\$105.49
Electricity and gas	\$53.56	\$45.79	\$43.19	\$34.09
Food – groceries and other fresh food	\$215.96	\$178.17	\$124.25	\$96.10
Bundle of home phone, broadband, mobile	\$28.76	\$19.90	\$22.09	\$17.67
Household cleaning and other supplies	\$26.47	\$15.82	\$20.29	\$15.82
Cosmetic and personal care items	\$6.79	\$6.50	\$4.85	\$4.65
Barber or hairdressing	\$24.03	\$10.63	\$15.65	\$6.38
Media, including digital	\$8.86	\$2.59	\$8.65	\$2.59
Computer, printer and software	\$5.00	\$2.81	\$5.00	\$2.81
Household appliances, air conditioners, smart phone	\$17.37	\$2.85	\$16.04	\$2.85
Miscellaneous	\$7.43	\$0.00	\$7.43	\$0.00
Total household goods and services	\$95.96	\$41.20	\$77.91	\$35.09
Clothing and footwear	\$50.54	\$38.61	\$27.14	\$20.32
Car transport and running costs	\$168.15	\$99.22	\$157.34	\$95.33
Public transport	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$2.57	\$2.57
Total transport	\$173.28	\$104.36	\$159.91	\$97.90

Numbers are weekly, except where otherwise specified.

December quarter 2021

Expenditure items	COUPLE		SINGLE	
	Comfortable lifestyle	Modest lifestyle	Comfortable lifestyle	Modest lifestyle
Health insurance	\$88.46	\$33.81	\$44.22	\$16.90
Chemist	\$45.66	\$22.83	\$26.28	\$13.14
Co-payment and out of pocket	\$58.99	\$43.63	\$32.73	\$21.82
Vitamins and other over the counter medicines	\$5.67	\$0.00	\$2.83	\$0.00
Total health services	\$198.79	\$100.27	\$106.07	\$51.86
Membership clubs	\$6.04	\$4.02	\$4.05	\$3.02
TV, DVD	\$1.20	\$0.46	\$1.20	\$0.46
Streaming services (Stan/Netflix or like)	\$11.38	\$3.05	\$11.38	\$3.05
Alcohol consumed or equivalent spent with charity or church	\$42.21	\$23.86	\$20.22	\$15.83
Lunches and dinners out	\$86.57	\$45.35	\$61.84	\$26.79
Cinema, plays, sport and day trips	\$10.07	\$12.07	\$6.04	\$6.04
Domestic vacations	\$75.71	\$52.91	\$49.75	\$33.53
Overseas vacations	\$33.21	\$0.00	\$20.96	\$0.00
Take away food, snacks	\$28.28	\$14.75	\$20.59	\$10.97
Total leisure	\$294.67	\$156.48	\$196.02	\$99.69
Total weekly expenditure	\$1,240.83	\$803.24	\$880.49	\$558.21
Total annual expenditure	\$64,771	\$41,929	\$45,962	\$29,139

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ASFA Retirement Standard for retirees

December quarter 2021

for retirees aged over 85

Expenditure items	COUPLE		SINGLE	
	Comfortable lifestyle	Modest lifestyle	Comfortable lifestyle	Modest lifestyle
Building and contents insurance	\$34.47	\$34.40	\$32.51	\$27.07
Council rates	\$41.18	\$37.61	\$41.18	\$35.43
Water charges	\$24.71	\$24.71	\$21.27	\$21.27
Home improvements	\$7.20	\$0.00	\$7.20	\$0.00
Repairs and maintenance	\$21.60	\$21.60	\$21.60	\$21.60
Total housing	\$129.16	\$118.32	\$123.76	\$105.37
Electricity and gas	\$53.56	\$45.79	\$43.19	\$34.09
Food – groceries and other fresh food	\$215.96	\$178.17	\$124.25	\$96.10
Bundle of home phone, broadband, mobile	\$28.76	\$19.90	\$22.09	\$17.67
Household cleaning and HACC contribution	\$119.39	\$51.25	\$100.02	\$34.16
Cosmetic and personal care items	\$6.79	\$6.50	\$4.85	\$4.65
Barber or hairdressing	\$24.03	\$10.63	\$15.65	\$6.38
Media, including digital	\$8.86	\$2.59	\$8.65	\$2.59
Computer, printer and software	\$5.00	\$2.81	\$5.00	\$2.81
Household appliances, air conditioners, smart phone	\$17.37	\$2.85	\$16.04	\$2.85
Miscellaneous	\$7.43	\$0.00	\$7.43	\$0.00
Total household goods and services	\$188.88	\$76.63	\$157.64	\$53.44
Clothing and footwear	\$50.54	\$38.61	\$27.14	\$20.32
Taxis	\$45.79	\$40.71	\$40.71	\$35.62
Public transport	\$10.17	\$10.17	\$5.09	\$5.09
Total transport	\$55.97	\$50.88	\$45.79	\$40.71

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Chemist	\$45.66	\$22.83	\$26.28	\$13.14
Co-payment and out of pocket	\$95.51	\$69.47	\$75.96	\$60.34
Vitamins and other over the counter medicines	\$5.67	\$0.00	\$2.83	\$0.00
Total health services	\$235.30	\$126.11	\$149.30	\$90.38
Membership clubs	\$6.04	\$4.02	\$4.05	\$3.02
TV, DVD	\$1.20	\$0.46	\$1.20	\$0.46
Streaming services (Stan/Netflix or like)	\$11.38	\$3.05	\$11.38	\$3.05
Alcohol consumed or equivalent spent with charity or church	\$42.21	\$23.86	\$20.22	\$15.83
Lunches and dinners out	\$44.87	\$13.99	\$33.52	\$16.78
Cinema, plays, sport and day trips	\$7.32	\$10.19	\$3.68	\$3.15
Domestic vacations	\$45.16	\$21.45	\$38.39	\$10.73
Overseas vacations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Take away food, snacks	\$30.00	\$15.65	\$21.84	\$11.64
Total leisure	\$188.18	\$92.68	\$134.27	\$64.65
Total weekly expenditure	\$1,146.31	\$747.08	\$827.45	\$522.72
Total annual expenditure	\$59,837	\$38,997	\$43,193	\$27,286

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