

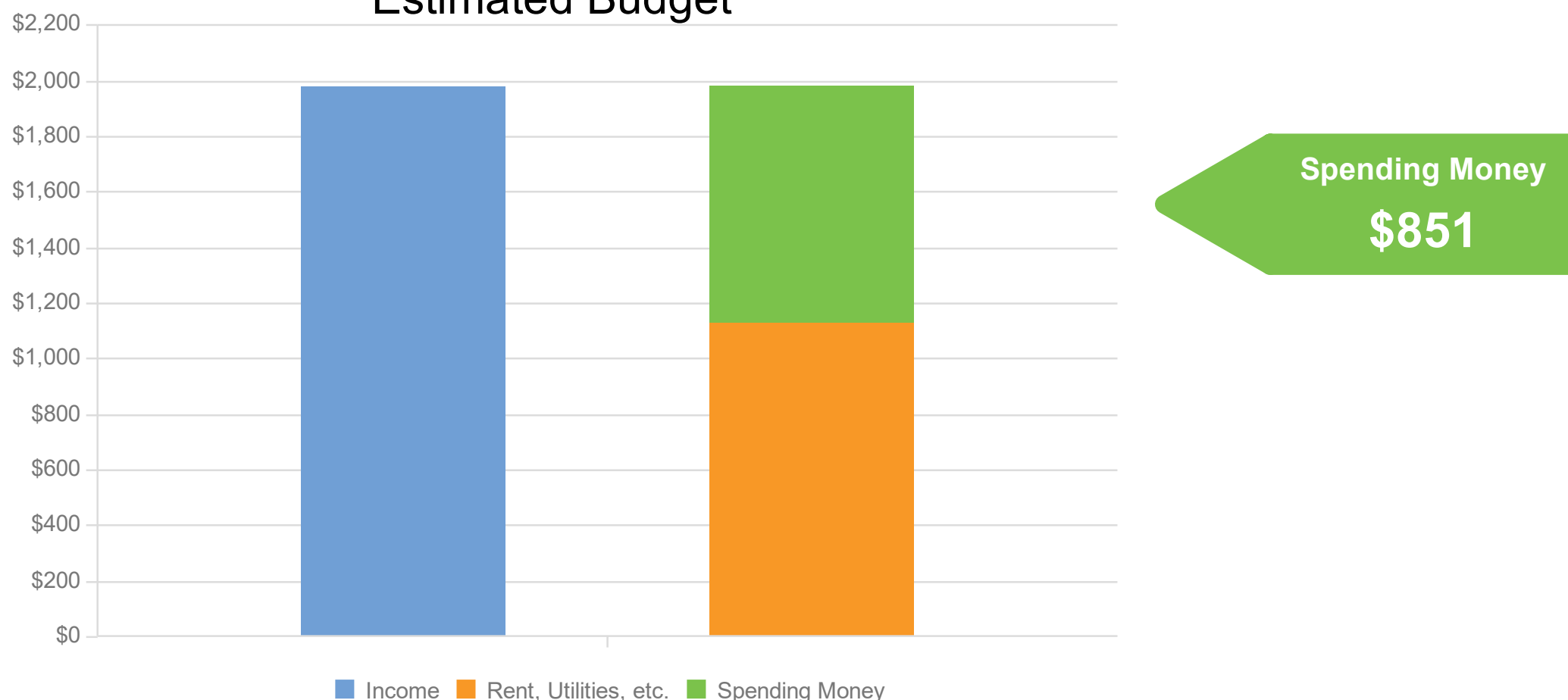
## Report: You Have Options for Paying for Your Own Place

You might be able to move into your own place!

### This is a Good Plan!

With these options, you'll have enough money to eat well, go out, have a phone and cable TV, and even save some money in an ABLÉ account.

### Estimated Budget



### You chose to:

- ✓ Work 20 hours per week at \$12 per hour
- ✓ Have your own one-bedroom apartment

**Note:** The numbers below may include benefits you don't get today, but might get if you live in your own place.

Your estimated monthly income:	
Work	\$1,044
+ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	+ \$434
+ MSA (Minnesota Supplemental Aid)	+ \$81
+ MSA Housing Assistance	+ \$421
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1980</b>
Your estimated fixed expenses:	
Rent (living alone in one-bedroom place)	\$1,000
+ Utilities (electricity, heating, gas)	+ \$50
+ Social Security and Medicare taxes	+ \$79
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1129</b>

### What would be left for food, transportation, phone, cable TV, and everything else:

Estimated monthly income	\$1,980
- Estimated fixed expenses	- \$1,129
<b>Spending money</b>	<b>\$851</b>

## Tips

In your own place, you may:

- Get more SSI.
- Qualify for MSA Housing Assistance, if housing costs more than 40% of your income. *You also must be leaving a nursing home or either qualify for an MA-Waiver program or for MA's Personal Care Assistance benefit.*
- Be happier.

Things to think about:

- Sharing a two-bedroom place means you pay less rent than a one-bedroom apartment.
- Working while you get SSI and MSA gets you more money overall.
- If you have money left over, try saving some up. [Money in an ABLE account won't affect your benefits.](#)

## Learn More

- [Build Your Housing Team.](#)
- Read about:
  - [SSI](#)
  - [MSA](#)
  - [Finding work.](#)
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