**Question:** What is the average clothing costs per month for 1 person in the U.S.?

**Answer:** According to the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average clothing costs per month for 1 person in the United States is approximately sixty-seven dollars **($67.00)**, as shown on the chart below. This number was taken from data published by the USDA in late 2014.

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| **Average Monthly Cost Clothing For Various Family Size** | | | |
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| **Number of Family Members** | | **Average Monthly Cost of Clothing for Family** | **Average Monthly Cost of Clothing per Family Member** |
| 1 | | $67.08 | $67.08 |
| 2 | | $135.58 | $67.79 |
| 3 | | $189.25 | $63.08 |
| 4 | | $213.92 | $53.48 |
| 5 | | $189.50 | $37.90 |
| 6 | | $180.00 | $35.35 |

As you can see from the chart, clothing costs per person tend to decrease as the family size increases. This is most likely due to the three following reasons: (1) larger families usually include children whose clothes may not be as costly, (2) in larger families with children, hand-me-downs may lower the cost of clothing per child and (3) larger families may have to devote more of their resources to other items, such as food, leaving less money to spend on clothes.

Please note that the $67.00 amount is for apparel only. The USDA includes a separate category for footwear which is $11.33 per month for 1 person, as well as a category they label "Other apparel products and services" for $11.50 per month for 1. Adding these together brings the total to $89.92. For budgeting purposes, $100.00 per month seems like a good, round figure.

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**Costs upon arrival to the U.S.:**

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| **Expense** | **One Person** | **Two Person** | **Three Person** | **Four Person** | **Five Person** | **Six Person** |
| Housekeeping Supplies | $32 | $65 | $66 | $78 | $86 | $94 |
| Personal Care Products | $34 | $61 | $64 | $70 | $79 | $89 |

<https://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/National-Standards-Food-Clothing-and-Other-Items>

**Maximum Monthly Allowance**

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| County | Housing and Utilities for a Family of 1 | Housing and Utilities for a Family of 2 | Housing and Utilities for a Family of 3 | Housing and Utilities for a Family of 4 | Housing and Utilities for a Family of 5 or more |
| Riverside Country | 1,222 | 1,227 | 1,582 | 1,636 | 1,670 |

Utilities standards include: maintenance, repairs, gas, electric, water, heating oil, garbage collection, residential telephone service, cell phone service, cable television, and Internet service. The tables include five categories for one, two, three, four, and five or more persons in a household.

<https://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/California-Local-Standards-Housing-and-Utilities>

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