

Budget Survey Template

Talk with three people to get their opinions on federal spending on energy, education, and defense. You may ask friends, family members, and other trusted adults. Ask them to rank the programs listed from most important (3) to least important (1). Record their answers in the chart below. Be sure to note the name of each survey taker so you do not mix up the results.

Then, for each column, add up the ranks for each federal program. Write the total score for each program in the bottom row. These totals give you an idea of how people, in general, would rate the federal programs in importance. The federal program with the highest score would be the most important from your survey group.

Federal Programs	Energy	Education	D e f e n s e
Survey Taker #1 Name:			
Survey Taker #2 Name:			
Survey Taker #3 Name:			
Column Totals			

Reflection

1. Which federal program received the lowest total score? Explain why you think it has the lowest overall rank compared to the others.

2. Which federal program received the highest total score? Explain why you think it has the highest overall rank compared to the others.

3. If you were to conduct this survey again, what would you do differently? Would changing the federal programs or the number of survey takers change the results? Explain your response in complete sentences.

4. From your survey and your own opinion, what do you think should be the top priority in the next year's budget? Explain your response in complete sentences.