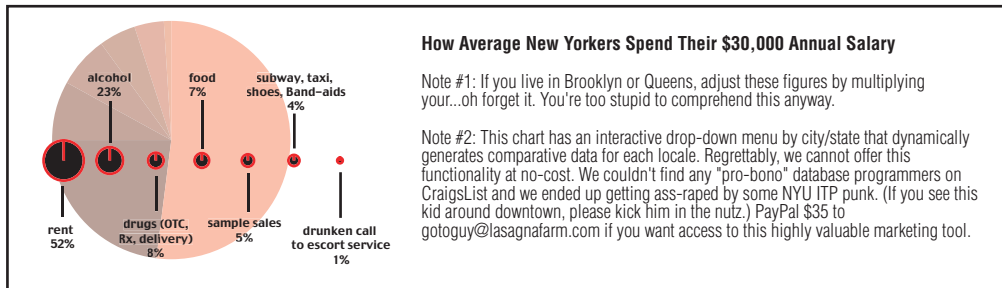


that the \$2 extra for bacon will mean you have to skip the subway and walk to work tomorrow morning. Heidi Klum doesn't get out of bed for less than \$30,000 a day. 86% of you hate getting out of bed at all. 30% will be making \$50,000 in two years at a job equally as suffering but with longer lunches. 45% will still be stuck at \$30k and thinking about a career change to something more "creative"; in under 1 year 21% will have their trust funds. 81% of you work jobs that you didn't need to go to high school in order to get, which is why your salary is lower than Kurt Cobain's heartbeat. Bill Gates made \$30,000 in his mother's womb - during the 2nd trimester. 6% of you don't own toothpaste and still need to buy it. 24 years if you live in New Jersey. 4533.33 years to afford an 8,500 sq./ft. loft in Tribeca. Add 11.7 years for each year's property taxes. Add 100 years to afford a house in your old high school roommate's room so you can watch him and his girlfriend do it, because 8% of you think she's kind of hot even though you hate her. 81% of you work jobs that you and your peers-in-\$30Gs are like, let us take a closer look at what you could be like. If you saved some of that money. For a long time. A really long time. Some of you may have hurt a little, but rest assured that girls always say that humor is the most important thing they look for in a man. But you wouldn't know that; you can't afford to even go out. At \$30,000 a year, you're not going to be able to afford a night in the Coco Chanel Suite, Hotel Ritz Paris. Add one year for a bottle of champagne from the mini bar, and another year if you plan to order local talent for an hour's "company." 75 years to afford the kind of Jakob the Jeweller bling bling that would make Nas and Jay Z respect you. 186.67 years to afford a 2004 Lamborghini Murcielago. Add 5 years for one year's insurance.

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You're at the bookstore and spy a handsome red and white book. You lift it. It hurts your arms. Your muscles have seriously deteriorated since you can't afford the gym membership anymore. But still, it's a nice book. Regal even. You flip it over to look for the price and then put it back. "\$13.95 is a lot for a stupid book with maybe 10 words per page," you think to yourself. "Maybe I can download it from the Internet. After all, the authors should know that as someone who only makes \$30,000 a year, I can't afford this."

Fortunately, the editors of LasagnaFarm feel your pocket pain and financial fucked-upness. Barely. We remember making \$30,000 each summer during college at our dad's law firm just for collating shit. That was awesome. We now pull in bills so large that "phoning it in" means we have a Rolodex reserved solely for escort numbers. In any case, we understand the lower echelons of our capitalist society because we do watch the MTV and selected programs on public television. We took notes in our spiffy Palm Pilots, on the bottom of Big Mac boxes, and in the margins of those dreaded free weeklies disguised as newspaper print. All of this was done to provide you, the undeserving schlub, some comfort in knowing you are not alone. (Except on Thursday and Saturday nights, sorry but that's party time for us moneyed folk.) All week long we will provide the Farm's inaugural FREE digital-only book in tortured HTML. Enjoy and always ask for seconds.



3 kids, 2 pigs, and enjoys \$1 drafts at a place called Rhett's. The average New Yorker making \$30,000 lives in a 10' X 10' apartment and vomits almost every morning. 18% of downtown NYC 30Kers frequent Grilled Cheese on the Lower East Side and worry they have an old high school friend as a roommate who you can barely tolerate and lets his girlfriend live with him in his room but she doesn't pay rent and leaves the A/C on when she goes out all day. 10% of you have fantasies about putting a webcam in your old high school roommate's room so you can watch him and his girlfriend do it, because 8% of you think she's kind of hot even though you hate her. 81% of you work jobs that you and your peers-in-\$30Gs are like, let us take a closer look at what you could be like. If you saved some of that money. For a long time. A really long time. Some of you may have hurt a little, but rest assured that girls always say that humor is the most important thing they look for in a man. But you wouldn't know that; you can't afford to even go out. At \$30,000 a year, you're not going to be able to afford a night in the Coco Chanel Suite, Hotel Ritz Paris. Add one year for a bottle of champagne from the mini bar, and another year if you plan to order local talent for an hour's "company." 75 years to afford the kind of Jakob the Jeweller bling bling that would make Nas and Jay Z respect you. 186.67 years to afford a 2004 Lamborghini Murcielago. Add 5 years for one year's insurance.