MORTGAGE & PROPERTY TAX

To know your mortgage, you must first figure out the cost of your house.

house cost = combined annual gross income (for example, $120,000) multiplied by 3, 4, or 5 (3 = conservative 4 = moderate 5 = risky)

($360,000  $480,000  $600,000)

To figure out monthly mortgage payments: cost of house divided by 200

(for a $480,000 house, monthly mortgage payment is $2,400)

Property tax: monthly mortgage payment divided by 6

(for $480,000 house, monthly property tax is $400)