

How will you spend it?

So will you do your part — as the government sees it — to spend your tax rebate “economic stimulus” check?

A survey by Winston-Salem-based **Truliant Federal Credit Union** suggests that among its members at least, people are thinking more about groceries and rent than vacations and big-screen TVs.

Among the 700 members Truliant surveyed, 48 percent plan to pay down debt and 42 percent will save their rebate; 20 percent will just pay day-to-day expenses.

Only 14 percent are planning a trip, while 8 percent will invest the money and 7 percent will “go shopping.”

Truliant also asked about plans for the usual tax refund, and the breakdown was similar, with many more people planning to pay debts or save, not splurge.

Truliant Senior Vice President of Markets Ginger Salt says that in years past more people might have gone a little crazier with the cash, but the economy is taking the fun out of that idea.

“For paying down debt and paying living expenses to get such high percentages in our survey, it’s clear that the economy has taken a toll,” Salt says.

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