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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	95,818	9,373	17,189	9,095	18,077	31,897	10,186
Number of sample interviews	36,946	3,416	6,492	3,341	6,705	12,781	4,211
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>							
<b>Income before taxes</b> <sup>1</sup>	\$31,308	\$10,987	\$21,501	\$17,484	\$28,581	\$42,027	\$50,971
<b>Income after taxes</b> <sup>1</sup>	28,496	10,704	19,056	16,829	26,399	37,851	46,455
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>	2.6	1	1	2.4	3	3	4.4
<b>Age of reference person</b>	47.2	70.5	37.8	64.1	47	40.9	46.5
<b>Average number of:</b>							
Earners	1.4	0	1	0	1	2	3.4
Vehicles	2	0.7	1.2	1.5	1.9	2.5	3.6
Children under 18	0.7	0	0	0.5	1.1	0.9	1.2
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.8	0.1	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.1
<b>Percent distribution:</b>							
<b>Sex of reference person:</b>							
Male	66	26	55	68	66	79	81
Female	34	74	45	32	34	21	19
<b>Housing tenure:</b>							
With mortgage	39	9	21	13	40	54	66
Without mortgage	24	48	11	57	25	16	16
Renter	37	42	68	30	35	29	18
<b>Race of reference person:</b>							
Black	11	12	10	15	13	8	8
White and other	89	88	90	85	87	92	92
<b>Education of reference person:</b>							
Elementary (1-8)	11	28	4	28	12	5	7
High school (9-12)	43	45	32	49	47	43	47
College	46	26	63	22	40	51	46
Never attended and other	1	1	0	2	1	0	0
<b>At least one vehicle owned</b>	87	58	81	79	89	96	98
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>							
	\$27,810	\$12,135	\$19,380	\$19,052	\$26,954	\$35,252	\$42,017
<b>Food</b>	4,152	1,903	2,455	3,574	4,229	5,009	6,517
Food at home	2,390	1,274	1,053	2,537	2,710	2,776	3,683
Cereals and bakery products	359	204	157	379	411	410	557

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Cereals and cereal products	131	69	52	144	155	148	209
Bakery products	228	135	105	236	256	262	348
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	611	286	231	707	717	702	976
Beef	202	82	71	228	234	235	342
Pork	116	52	42	145	149	127	185
Other meats	89	41	34	90	97	108	147
Poultry	100	55	41	118	114	114	151
Fish and seafood	71	36	29	86	84	82	97
Eggs	33	19	13	39	38	36	55
Dairy products	304	168	137	304	347	356	459
Fresh milk and cream	148	85	63	148	178	167	229
Other dairy products	157	84	75	155	169	189	230
Fruits and vegetables	408	274	188	493	455	459	583
Fresh fruits	126	92	58	168	138	138	174
Fresh vegetables	127	86	61	153	144	142	177
Processed fruits	89	61	42	106	98	101	127
Processed vegetables	66	35	27	66	75	78	104
Other food at home	708	341	339	655	779	848	1,108
Sugar and other sweets	86	40	38	93	96	102	128
Fats and oils	59	34	23	69	66	68	90
Miscellaneous foods	314	142	148	263	343	387	495
Nonalcoholic beverages	216	110	113	202	238	250	340
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	33	15	18	28	36	41	54
Food away from home	1,762	629	1,402	1,036	1,519	2,233	2,834
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	284	107	380	157	217	345	300
<b>Housing</b>	8,609	4,589	6,279	6,113	8,679	10,890	11,150
Shelter	4,835	2,451	4,087	2,929	4,748	6,119	6,123
Owned dwellings	2,850	1,060	1,385	1,543	2,848	4,029	4,447
Mortgage interest and charges	1,741	195	886	301	1,694	2,743	2,842
Property taxes	575	403	237	638	611	656	930
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	533	462	262	604	543	629	675
Rented dwellings	1,500	1,220	2,368	1,018	1,436	1,455	976
Other lodging	485	171	335	368	465	635	700
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,835	1,255	1,131	1,716	1,977	2,085	2,625
Natural gas	247	192	139	281	261	272	348
Electricity	738	496	404	700	815	852	1,064
Fuel oil and other fuels	101	94	45	129	104	108	147
Telephone services	567	351	463	427	590	637	810
Water and other public services	182	122	80	179	207	217	257
Household operations	460	346	152	324	458	702	448
Personal services	219	106	20	54	213	427	162
Other household expenses	241	240	131	270	245	275	285

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Housekeeping supplies	394	203	190	405	442	485	516
Laundry and cleaning supplies	107	57	45	113	121	127	162
Other household products	165	63	69	147	178	223	216
Postage and stationery	122	83	76	145	143	135	139
Household furnishings and equipment	1,086	334	719	740	1,054	1,498	1,438
Household textiles	105	31	50	106	105	140	156
Furniture	312	72	216	181	306	438	431
Floor coverings	70	20	39	58	73	91	112
Major appliances	148	45	90	125	138	200	211
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	65	25	40	51	70	82	98
Miscellaneous household equipment	386	141	284	218	363	549	430
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,582	608	1,169	1,066	1,539	2,004	2,300
Men and boys	397	83	297	278	332	529	632
Men, 16 and over	324	69	286	236	218	425	536
Boys, 2 to 15	74	14	11	42	114	104	97
Women and girls	657	366	492	484	680	777	907
Women, 16 and over	564	355	478	428	558	637	776
Girls, 2 to 15	93	12	14	56	122	140	131
Children under 2	72	8	14	44	98	115	73
Footwear	189	71	118	136	201	242	262
Other apparel products and services	266	80	248	124	228	341	425
<b>Transportation</b>	5,187	1,560	3,444	2,868	4,841	6,651	9,555
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,291	649	1,327	1,127	2,161	2,962	4,597
Cars and trucks, new	1,218	417	701	696	1,023	1,570	2,540
Cars and trucks, used	1,051	233	611	408	1,125	1,363	2,008
Other vehicles	22	0	15	23	13	29	50
Gasoline and motor oil	985	302	669	614	940	1,253	1,720
Other vehicle expenses	1,627	431	1,161	910	1,486	2,132	2,817
Vehicle finance charges	303	27	211	82	245	442	578
Maintenance and repairs	561	188	417	364	549	694	924
Vehicle insurance	575	180	395	367	515	738	1,023
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	188	36	138	98	177	258	292
Public transportation	284	177	288	218	254	304	421
<b>Health care</b>	1,407	1,388	654	2,190	1,531	1,458	1,625
Health insurance	537	585	241	902	594	531	581
Medical services	542	484	272	620	587	613	682
Drugs	240	260	96	469	286	223	240
Medical supplies	87	59	45	199	64	92	122
<b>Entertainment</b>	1,424	344	981	926	1,257	1,953	2,235
Fees and admissions	377	109	315	257	345	469	606
Television, radios, sound equipment	429	150	347	264	392	565	611
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	249	54	128	168	276	350	336
Other supplies, equipment, and services	369	30	191	238	244	570	683

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<b>Personal care products and services</b>	366	157	257	314	359	438	562
<b>Reading</b>	157	85	127	126	156	189	199
<b>Education</b>	367	115	376	85	260	405	898
<b>Tobacco products and smoking supplies</b>	261	97	198	192	267	318	390
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	643	313	521	370	609	815	912
<b>Cash contributions</b>	900	759	725	749	855	1,028	1,138
<b>Personal insurance and pensions</b>	2,472	109	1,813	321	2,156	3,750	4,238
Life and other personal insurance	346	107	151	316	345	474	525
Pensions and Social Security	2,125	2	1,662	5	1,810	3,275	3,713
<b>Sources of income and taxes: <sup>1</sup></b>							
<b>Money income before taxes</b>	31,308	10,987	21,501	17,484	28,581	42,027	50,971
Wages and salaries	23,248	0	17,400	40	19,067	35,599	44,284
Self-employment income	2,535	0	1,976	0	2,769	3,794	3,727
Social Security, private and government retirement	3,387	7,531	785	12,404	4,357	1,238	1,279
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,253	2,527	774	3,258	1,296	728	742
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	207	145	103	334	208	229	267
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	290	295	25	1,270	458	104	172
Regular contributions for support	273	457	269	137	348	224	261
Other income	115	32	170	41	78	110	239
<b>Personal taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	2,812	283	2,445	655	2,182	4,175	4,517
Federal income taxes	2,228	216	1,905	517	1,737	3,350	3,499
State and local income taxes	521	30	482	76	393	750	949
Other taxes	62	37	58	61	52	76	68
<b>Income after taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	28,496	10,704	19,056	16,829	26,399	37,851	46,455
Net change in total assets	3,612	-218	1,450	1,381	5,126	5,610	3,838
Net change in total liabilities	3,401	-149	772	2,090	4,016	5,402	4,920
<b>Addenda:</b>							
<b>Other financial information</b>							

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Other money receipts	423	505	254	676	375	442	432
Mortgage principal paid, owned property	-513	-132	-252	-156	-524	-732	-913
Estimated market value of owned home	63,717	41,935	28,257	65,458	67,164	76,866	94,752
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	383	274	187	375	387	458	581
<b>Gifts of goods and services, total</b>	887	606	854	675	685	1,025	1,291
Clothing, males 2 and over	70	43	73	84	47	77	91
Clothing, females 2 and over	88	68	100	74	71	98	91
Clothing, infants less than 2	33	8	14	22	36	52	35
Jewelry and watches	24	10	63	6	12	18	27
Small appliances, misc. housewares	18	7	13	14	22	20	29
Household textiles	8	7	2	10	8	10	6
All other gifts	646	463	589	465	489	750	1,012

<sup>1</sup> Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary at <http://stats.bls.gov/csxgloss.htm>

**Note:** All values have been rounded, and therefore some rounded values equal zero. When data are not reported or are not applicable (i.e., missing values), values are set to zero.

**Note:** Some data are likely to have large sampling errors