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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	94,150	10,257	16,526	9,161	18,449	29,940	9,817
Number of sample interviews	41,925	4,309	7,423	3,890	8,112	13,612	4,579
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>							
<b>Income before taxes</b> <sup>1</sup>	\$27,326	\$8,757	\$18,795	\$14,249	\$26,597	\$37,710	\$45,217
<b>Income after taxes</b> <sup>1</sup>	24,871	8,406	16,712	13,760	24,420	33,996	41,212
<b>Average number of persons in consumer unit</b>	2.6	1	1	2.5	3	3.1	4.3
<b>Age of reference person</b>	47	69.5	36.7	62.1	47.1	40.5	47.1
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>							
Earners	1.4	0	1	0	1	2	3.4
Vehicles	2	0.7	1.1	1.4	1.9	2.6	3.6
Children under 18	0.7	0	0	0.6	1.1	1	1.2
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.8	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
<b>Percent distribution:</b>							
<b>Sex of reference person:</b>							
Male	67	25	53	66	69	82	83
Female	33	75	47	34	31	18	17
<b>Housing tenure:</b>							
Homeowner with mortgage	38	8	19	14	40	55	65
Homeowner without mortgage	25	49	13	54	27	15	19
Renter	38	44	69	32	33	30	16
<b>Race of reference person:</b>							
Black	11	10	8	17	13	9	9
White and other	89	90	92	83	87	91	91
<b>Education of reference person:</b>							
Elementary (1-8)	12	31	4	26	13	6	9
High school (9-12)	45	45	33	53	50	44	49
College	43	23	64	20	37	50	41
Never attended and other	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
<b>At least one vehicle owned</b>	86	53	80	76	90	96	97
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>							
<b>Food</b>	\$3,664	\$1,571	\$2,234	\$2,992	\$3,934	\$4,389	\$6,050
Food at home	2,099	1,048	943	2,115	2,408	2,468	3,405

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Cereals and bakery products	299	158	129	310	345	347	488
Cereals and cereal products	104	50	41	116	123	123	168
Bakery products	194	108	88	194	222	224	320
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	572	257	228	603	661	679	955
Beef	191	79	68	177	219	234	343
Pork	116	50	45	144	135	133	187
Other meats	83	35	32	84	94	101	146
Poultry	87	45	37	96	96	104	140
Fish and seafood	66	32	34	68	82	76	94
Eggs	28	17	12	35	34	31	44
Dairy products	274	141	124	260	321	321	450
Fresh milk and cream	132	74	53	139	157	151	215
Other dairy products	142	67	71	121	164	169	235
Fruits and vegetables	356	215	173	390	408	398	551
Fresh fruits	113	73	60	131	130	122	167
Fresh vegetables	110	64	52	120	126	124	176
Processed fruits	78	47	39	83	89	88	119
Processed vegetables	55	30	22	55	64	65	89
Other food at home	567	272	272	525	640	680	917
Sugar and other sweets	74	40	32	74	86	89	114
Fats and oils	51	28	20	60	58	58	81
Miscellaneous foods	248	114	120	198	280	304	411
Nonalcoholic beverages	194	90	100	193	215	230	311
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	31	5	17	27	33	43	45
Food away from home	1,565	524	1,292	877	1,526	1,921	2,644
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	289	78	367	147	259	341	378
<b>Housing</b>	7,569	4,184	5,568	5,197	7,931	9,558	9,929
Shelter	4,154	2,271	3,581	2,430	4,217	5,296	5,093
Owned dwellings	2,375	867	1,173	1,280	2,467	3,428	3,610
Mortgage interest and charges	1,461	140	754	294	1,475	2,385	2,281
Property taxes	464	324	174	510	558	513	733
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	449	404	245	476	435	530	595
Rented dwellings	1,345	1,219	2,100	885	1,276	1,338	789
Other lodging	434	185	308	265	473	530	694
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,671	1,093	1,000	1,520	1,842	1,936	2,412
Natural gas	232	181	121	240	257	259	337
Electricity	692	418	367	638	773	830	1,002
Fuel oil and other fuels	94	94	43	110	104	96	137
Telephone services	499	310	403	383	539	561	703
Water and other public services	153	91	66	148	169	188	233
Household operations	371	272	119	197	392	591	351
Personal services	170	57	9	22	175	359	115
Other household expenses	201	216	111	175	217	232	236

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Housekeeping supplies	341	178	190	366	395	391	488
Laundry and cleaning supplies	97	47	42	92	127	112	145
Other household products	139	69	59	175	160	163	202
Postage and stationery	105	63	90	99	108	116	142
Household furnishings and equipment	1,032	369	677	685	1,085	1,344	1,585
Household textiles	91	50	42	82	95	118	129
Furniture	315	69	213	159	333	436	492
Floor coverings	69	49	22	43	114	79	77
Major appliances	160	57	104	122	175	197	257
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	57	19	40	40	57	71	98
Miscellaneous household equipment	340	125	256	240	311	443	533
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,446	532	1,095	894	1,479	1,795	2,319
Men and boys	361	79	247	225	361	445	706
Men, 16 and over	295	73	238	179	268	358	578
Boys, 2 to 15	66	6	8	45	92	87	128
Women and girls	591	321	472	340	588	713	914
Women, 16 and over	510	312	458	298	475	601	764
Girls, 2 to 15	81	9	15	42	113	112	150
Children under 2	58	7	13	28	87	92	49
Footwear	184	64	123	129	209	218	306
Other apparel products and services	251	62	240	172	234	327	345
<b>Transportation</b>	4,600	1,331	3,257	2,267	4,229	6,112	8,530
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,022	500	1,328	747	1,769	2,783	4,122
Cars and trucks, new	1,143	258	734	482	1,082	1,574	2,174
Cars and trucks, used	860	242	574	263	672	1,190	1,894
Other vehicles	18	0	20	2	15	20	53
Gasoline and motor oil	888	259	596	574	870	1,143	1,588
Other vehicle expenses	1,417	396	1,021	779	1,308	1,892	2,494
Vehicle finance charges	280	28	191	61	233	427	544
Maintenance and repairs	514	160	369	350	491	671	839
Vehicle insurance	462	170	331	297	431	579	846
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	160	38	130	71	152	216	266
Public transportation	273	176	313	167	282	293	326
<b>Health care</b>	1,135	993	511	1,578	1,287	1,222	1,368
Health insurance	392	412	155	634	450	391	433
Medical services	467	318	241	485	511	568	593
Drugs	203	210	80	383	237	190	214
Medical supplies	73	54	35	75	89	72	128
<b>Entertainment</b>	1,193	328	959	608	1,116	1,634	1,828
Fees and admissions	323	105	285	163	293	414	544
Television, radios, sound equipment	379	131	306	184	351	523	554
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	218	68	124	132	231	314	293

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Other supplies, equipment, and services	273	25	244	128	241	383	437
<b>Personal care products and services</b>	330	171	216	251	353	387	535
<b>Reading</b>	142	85	122	108	142	169	185
<b>Education</b>	337	81	385	33	253	360	896
<b>Tobacco products and smoking supplies</b>	232	97	144	196	246	283	376
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	562	276	426	273	568	700	925
<b>Cash contributions</b>	741	436	512	668	690	901	1,123
<b>Personal insurance and pensions</b>	2,175	87	1,621	213	1,958	3,351	3,938
Life and other personal insurance	294	76	103	174	351	408	501
Pensions and Social Security	1,881	11	1,517	39	1,607	2,943	3,437
<b>Sources of income and taxes: <sup>1</sup></b>							
<b>Money income before taxes</b>	27,326	8,757	18,795	14,249	26,597	37,710	45,217
Wages and salaries	20,613	NA	15,975	NA	18,633	32,298	39,542
Self-employment income	1,821	1	817	-5	2,136	2,874	3,570
Social Security, private and government retirement	2,941	6,352	706	10,024	3,524	1,092	838
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,115	1,716	782	2,329	1,244	815	532
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	209	144	57	286	233	257	284
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	294	282	19	1,424	373	100	128
Regular contributions for support	232	209	289	168	345	163	215
Other income	102	53	150	22	109	110	108
<b>Personal taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	2,455	351	2,083	488	2,176	3,714	4,005
Federal income taxes	1,951	263	1,695	379	1,744	2,947	3,125
State and local income taxes	454	48	369	51	384	709	789
Other taxes	50	41	19	58	48	58	92
<b>Income after taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	24,871	8,406	16,712	13,760	24,420	33,996	41,212
<b>Addenda:</b>							
Net change in total assets	4,608	-260	4,621	626	5,121	7,220	4,457
Net change in total liabilities	1,486	-326	689	-251	784	2,707	3,937

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<b>Other financial information</b>							
Other money receipts	316	136	244	282	316	261	821
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-434	-67	-208	-152	-470	-631	-796
Estimated market value of owned home	52,599	35,513	23,698	49,556	59,895	62,005	79,548
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	333	231	162	302	357	405	495
<b>Gifts of:</b>							
Clothing, males 2 and over	58	40	42	70	52	64	83
Clothing, females 2 and over	75	64	59	62	64	84	120
Clothing, infants less than 2	25	7	13	17	27	35	34
Jewelry and watches	23	4	55	6	16	19	28
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	16	7	14	12	13	20	29
Household textiles	12	4	9	20	8	14	16
All other gifts	540	295	490	320	515	617	887

<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