

Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2003

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	115,356	22,182	26,438	41,325	25,412
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes ¹	\$51,128	\$56,513	\$52,445	\$46,729	\$52,506
Income after taxes ¹	48,596	54,219	49,591	44,461	49,667
Age of reference person	48.4	49.8	48.8	48.2	47.1
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6
Children under 186	.6	.6	.6	.7
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.9	2.0
Percent distribution:					
Sex of reference person:					
Male	50	52	51	49	51
Female	50	48	49	51	49
Housing tenure:					
Homeowner	67	64	70	69	63
With mortgage	41	37	42	40	43
Without mortgage	26	27	28	28	20
Renter	33	36	30	31	37
Race of reference person:					
Black or African American	12	10	10	19	4
White, Asian, and All Other Races	88	90	90	81	96
Education of reference person:					
Elementary (1-8)	6	5	4	7	6
High school (9-12)	36	39	40	38	29
College	57	56	56	55	64
Never attended and other	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	88	80	90	89	91
Average annual expenditures	\$40,817	\$42,162	\$40,280	\$37,625	\$45,381
Food					
Food at home	5,340	5,730	5,088	4,960	5,876
Cereals and bakery products	3,129	3,306	2,904	2,996	3,428
Cereals and cereal products	442	485	411	413	482
Bakery products	150	158	135	142	173
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	292	327	276	271	310
Beef	825	889	734	835	849
Pork	246	239	225	262	247
Other meats	171	168	161	181	167
Poultry	102	132	98	94	92
Fish and seafood	145	165	123	141	157
Eggs	124	146	97	121	141
Dairy products	37	38	31	36	45
Dairy products	328	353	323	298	359
Fresh milk and cream	127	130	126	117	139
Other dairy products	201	222	197	181	220
Fruits and vegetables	535	586	472	489	633
Fresh fruits	171	185	152	149	213
Fresh vegetables	172	190	142	154	217
Processed fruits	108	123	96	98	125
Processed vegetables	84	88	81	88	78

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2003 — Continued

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other food at home	\$999	\$994	\$962	\$961	\$1,104
Sugar and other sweets	119	126	118	107	135
Fats and oils	86	89	79	85	91
Miscellaneous foods	490	473	476	482	531
Nonalcoholic beverages	268	272	254	258	297
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	36	34	35	30	50
Food away from home	2,211	2,424	2,184	1,964	2,449
Alcoholic beverages	391	427	403	345	421
Housing	13,432	14,811	12,634	12,006	15,371
Shelter	7,887	9,134	7,086	6,660	9,630
Owned dwellings	5,263	5,932	4,908	4,528	6,244
Mortgage interest and charges	2,954	2,901	2,578	2,567	4,020
Property taxes	1,344	2,004	1,427	1,018	1,211
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	965	1,026	903	942	1,013
Rented dwellings	2,179	2,664	1,720	1,802	2,848
Other lodging	445	537	458	330	538
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,811	2,889	2,855	2,891	2,569
Natural gas	392	512	593	243	320
Electricity	1,028	926	931	1,251	854
Fuel oil and other fuels	110	287	99	61	44
Telephone services	956	932	917	1,002	941
Water and other public services	326	232	315	333	409
Household operations	707	813	614	666	778
Personal services	294	373	274	265	291
Other household expenses	414	440	340	402	487
Housekeeping supplies	529	523	575	496	537
Laundry and cleaning supplies	132	125	145	132	126
Other household products	263	257	284	258	256
Postage and stationery	133	141	147	106	155
Household furnishings and equipment	1,497	1,452	1,504	1,294	1,858
Household textiles	113	126	105	91	147
Furniture	401	391	411	357	471
Floor coverings	52	66	44	38	71
Major appliances	196	176	195	179	240
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	88	75	87	87	101
Miscellaneous household equipment	648	617	663	542	828
Apparel and services	1,640	1,859	1,563	1,451	1,834
Men and boys	372	426	369	303	437
Men, 16 and over	282	339	280	219	335
Boys, 2 to 15	89	87	88	84	101
Women and girls	634	709	612	548	732
Women, 16 and over	529	592	497	458	620
Girls, 2 to 15	106	118	115	89	112
Children under 2	81	76	92	74	87
Footwear	294	357	249	283	305
Other apparel products and services	258	291	242	242	273
Transportation	7,781	7,043	7,817	7,621	8,645
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,732	3,040	3,775	3,893	4,028
Cars and trucks, new	2,052	1,688	2,039	2,208	2,131
Cars and trucks, used	1,611	1,294	1,654	1,627	1,820
Other vehicles	68	58	82	58	78
Gasoline and motor oil	1,333	1,157	1,357	1,321	1,479

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2003 — Continued

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other vehicle expenses	\$2,331	\$2,307	\$2,314	\$2,154	\$2,659
Vehicle finance charges	371	268	391	408	379
Maintenance and repairs	619	565	580	555	811
Vehicle insurance	905	924	860	905	936
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	436	551	484	286	532
Public transportation	385	539	371	253	479
Health care	2,416	2,127	2,586	2,396	2,525
Health insurance	1,252	1,237	1,332	1,223	1,227
Medical services	591	448	621	563	729
Drugs	467	358	513	520	426
Medical supplies	107	84	119	90	143
Entertainment	2,060	2,117	1,978	1,812	2,494
Fees and admissions	494	614	489	365	606
Television, radios, sound equipment	730	776	738	696	736
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	378	447	378	307	434
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	457	279	373	444	718
Personal care products and services	527	532	499	494	606
Reading	127	153	141	93	146
Education	783	1,040	796	581	875
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	290	306	363	275	224
Miscellaneous	606	548	647	556	695
Cash contributions	1,370	1,161	1,469	1,344	1,491
Personal insurance and pensions	4,055	4,308	4,295	3,690	4,179
Life and other personal insurance	397	454	423	381	347
Pensions and Social Security	3,658	3,855	3,872	3,309	3,832
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹					
Money income before taxes	51,128	56,513	52,445	46,729	52,506
Wages and salaries	41,200	47,081	42,634	37,540	40,822
Self-employment income	2,138	1,486	2,354	1,892	2,875
Social Security, private and government retirement	5,601	5,481	5,469	5,578	5,874
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,097	1,285	1,128	716	1,538
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	269	349	242	165	402
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	314	343	227	338	340
Regular contributions for support	343	329	264	364	400
Other income	165	159	127	136	256
Personal taxes	2,532	2,294	2,853	2,268	2,840
Federal income taxes	1,843	1,536	1,904	1,786	2,133
State and local income taxes	502	543	672	348	546
Other taxes	187	215	277	133	161
Income after taxes	48,596	54,219	49,591	44,461	49,667

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2003 — Continued

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Addenda:					
Net change in total assets and liabilities	- \$14,376	- \$13,918	- \$12,042	- \$9,354	- \$25,369
Net change in total assets	6,451	6,962	5,663	5,596	8,215
Net change in total liabilities	20,827	20,880	17,706	14,950	33,585
Other financial information:					
Other money receipts	530	691	378	548	519
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-1,565	-1,745	-1,693	-1,291	-1,719
Estimated market value of owned home	122,059	144,476	108,966	95,801	158,816
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	750	844	700	660	865
Gifts of goods and services	1,007	1,169	1,044	862	1,059
Food	78	122	66	58	82
Alcoholic beverages	16	18	16	14	17
Housing	220	216	214	200	263
Housekeeping supplies	42	55	44	26	53
Household textiles	13	10	18	10	14
Appliances and miscellaneous					
housewares	25	15	24	26	31
Major appliances	7	4	7	5	11
Small appliances and miscellaneous					
housewares	18	11	18	21	20
Miscellaneous household equipment	57	56	59	45	74
Other housing	85	81	68	94	91
Apparel and services	225	264	242	188	232
Males, 2 and over	56	70	48	44	69
Females, 2 and over	80	88	96	66	80
Children under 2	39	45	38	36	39
Other apparel products and services	50	62	60	42	44
Jewelry and watches	26	29	28	25	22
All other apparel products and services	25	33	32	17	22
Transportation	60	32	57	46	108
Health care	48	30	86	43	32
Entertainment	69	70	74	60	77
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	26	26	29	25	25
Other entertainment	43	45	45	35	52
Personal care products and services	16	19	15	13	19
Reading	1	2	1	1	2
Education	200	332	186	173	143
All other gifts	74	64	87	66	84

¹ Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary.

² Value less than 0.5.

³ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.