

Table 1500. Composition of consumer unit: Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1991

Item	Husband and wife consumer units									
	Total	husband	wife	husband and wife	husband and wife with children	Other	husband	One parent,	and other	Single person
				Total	Oldest child under 6	Oldest child 6 to 17	Oldest child 18 or over		at least one child under 18	consumer units
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	54,017	21,553	28,589	6,267	14,178	8,144	3,875	6,112	37,788	
Consumer unit characteristics:										
Income before taxes 1/.....	\$44,460	\$40,579	\$47,303	\$43,046	\$47,983	\$49,638	\$44,627	\$20,302	\$21,255	
Income after taxes 1/.....	40,158	36,098	43,060	39,125	43,446	45,663	40,887	18,884	19,387	
Age of reference person.....	47.3	55.1	41.2	31.5	39.2	52.2	48.7	36.0	49.7	
Average number in consumer unit:										
Persons.....	3.2	2.0	3.9	3.5	4.2	3.9	5.0	2.9	1.5	

Children under 18.....	1.0	n.a.	1.6	1.5	2.2	.6	1.6	1.7	.2
Persons 65 and over.....	.3	.6	.1	(2)	(2)	.2	.5	(2)	.3
Earners.....	1.8	1.2	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.6	2.4	1.0	.9
Vehicles.....	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.6	3.3	2.8	1.1	1.2
Percent distribution:									
Sex of reference person:									
Male.....	88	89	88	91	86	89	86	9	41
Female.....	12	11	12	9	14	11	14	91	59
Housing tenure:									
Percent homeowner.....	79	82	77	63	78	86	74	34	46
With mortgage.....	53	40	63	56	69	58	52	27	20
Without mortgage.....	26	42	14	7	10	28	22	8	26
Renter.....	21	18	23	37	22	14	26	66	54
Race of reference person:									
Black.....	7	5	7	6	8	8	16	30	13
White and other.....	93	95	93	94	92	92	84	70	87
Education of reference person:									
Elementary (1-8).....	8	11	6	3	4	10	15	5	13
High school (9-12).....	44	44	44	41	42	48	47	55	40
College.....	47	45	50	55	53	42	37	39	46
Never attended and other.....	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	1	(3)	1
At least one vehicle owned.....	96	95	97	96	98	98	93	69	75
Average annual expenditures.....	\$37,134	\$32,937	\$40,037	\$36,075	\$40,839	\$41,798	\$39,177	\$21,653	\$20,092
Food.....	14.5	13.5	14.9	12.8	15.3	15.9	15.8	16.8	13.7
Food at home.....	9.0	8.2	9.3	8.4	9.5	9.5	11.4	12.0	8.1

Shelter.....	16.3	15.5	16.8	20.2	17.2	14.0	16.0	20.6	20.2
Owned dwellings.....	12.1	11.1	12.8	14.5	13.3	10.9	11.6	8.4	8.8
Mortgage interest and charges.....	7.5	5.8	8.5	10.5	9.0	6.3	7.4	5.6	4.2
Property taxes.....	2.8	3.2	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	1.7	2.4
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses.....	1.9	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.1	2.1
Rented dwellings.....	2.9	2.8	2.9	5.1	2.8	1.7	3.5	11.7	10.7
Other lodging.....	1.2	1.6	1.1	.6	1.1	1.3	.9	.4	.8
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	6.4	6.6	6.2	5.8	6.1	6.6	7.3	8.2	7.3
Natural gas.....	.8	.8	.8	.7	.8	.8	.9	1.1	1.0
Electricity.....	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.7
Fuel oil and other fuels.....	.3	.4	.3	.2	.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Telephone services.....	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.8	2.6
Water and other public services.....	.8	.7	.7	.7	.8	.8	.8	.8	.7
Household operations.....	1.6	1.3	1.9	4.1	1.8	.6	1.1	2.2	1.1
Personal services.....	.8	.2	1.2	3.4	1.0	.1	.6	1.6	.3
Other household expenses.....	.8	1.1	.7	.7	.8	.6	.5	.6	.8
Housekeeping supplies.....	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.3
Laundry and cleaning supplies.....	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.5	.5	.4
Other household products.....	.7	.8	.6	.5	.6	.8	.6	.5	.5
Postage and stationery.....	.4	.5	.4	.4	.3	.4	.3	.5	.5
Household furnishings and equipment.....	4.3	4.6	4.1	4.5	4.2	3.6	4.1	3.4	3.6
Household textiles.....	.4	.5	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4	.3	.3
Furniture.....	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1	.7	1.3	1.2	.8
Floor coverings.....	.4	.4	.3	.9	.2	.2	.3	4/.1	.5
Major appliances.....	.5	.5	.5	.4	.5	.5	.5	.4	.4
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	.3	.4	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Miscellaneous household equipment.....	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.4
Apparel and services.....	5.7	5.0	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.2	6.3	8.1	5.9
Men and boys.....	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.3

Men, 16 and over.....	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.1	.6	1.2
Boys, 2 to 15.....	.3	.1	.4	.2	.6	.1	.3	1.3	.1
Women and girls.....	2.3	2.0	2.4	1.8	2.5	2.8	2.3	3.2	2.5
Women, 16 and over.....	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.6	2.7	1.8	2.3	2.4
Girls, 2 to 15.....	.4	.1	.6	.3	.8	.2	.5	.9	.1
Children under 2.....	.3	.1	.4	1.2	.2	.1	.6	.4	.2
Footwear.....	.8	.7	.8	.7	.8	.8	1.1	1.6	.8
Other apparel products and services.....	.9	1.0	.8	.9	.8	.8	.8	1.1	1.1
Transportation.....	18.0	18.5	17.6	16.5	17.2	18.9	18.6	14.4	16.4
Vehicle purchases (net outlay).....	7.5	8.0	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.9	5.7	6.5
Cars and trucks, new.....	4.0	4.8	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.2	2.8
Cars and trucks, used.....	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.1	3.6	3.4	4.5	2.4	3.6
Other vehicles.....	.1	4/.1	(2)	(2)	.1	(2)	(2)	(2)	.1
Gasoline and motor oil.....	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.4	4.0	3.8	3.0	3.1
Other vehicle expenses.....	6.1	5.9	6.1	5.5	5.8	7.1	6.0	4.8	5.6
Vehicle finance charges.....	1.0	.9	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.1	.7	.7
Maintenance and repairs.....	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.6	2.1	2.5	2.2	1.8	2.0
Vehicle insurance.....	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.6	2.2	1.7	2.0
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges.....	.8	.9	.8	.7	.8	.8	.6	.6	.8
Public transportation.....	1.0	1.3	.8	.7	.8	.7	.9	1.0	1.2
Health care.....	5.3	6.5	4.6	4.5	4.2	5.4	4.7	3.6	5.4
Health insurance.....	2.2	2.8	1.8	1.9	1.6	2.2	2.0	1.7	2.4
Medical services.....	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.8
Drugs.....	.8	1.2	.6	.5	.5	.8	.7	.4	.9
Medical supplies.....	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.4	.2	.2	.4
Entertainment.....	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.5	4.6	3.9	4.5	4.7
Fees and admissions.....	1.3	1.4	1.3	.8	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.2
Television, radios, sound equipment.....	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8

Pets, toys, and playground equipment.....	1.0	.8	1.1	1.2	1.1	.9	.9	.9	.8
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services.....	1.3	1.7	1.2	1.6	1.1	1.1	.6	.6	.9
Personal care products and services.....	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.4
Reading.....	.5	.6	.5	.5	.5	.5	.4	.3	.6
Education.....	1.5	0.9	1.8	0.6	1.9	2.6	1.2	1.2	1.7
Tobacco products and smoking supplies.....	.9	.7	.9	.6	.9	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.1
Miscellaneous.....	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.1	2.5	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.1
Cash contributions.....	3.1	3.7	2.7	1.6	2.5	3.6	3.5	2.5	3.7
Personal insurance and pensions.....	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.8	11.0	9.8	9.2	6.4	7.4
Life and other personal insurance.....	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.5	1.4	.7	.7
Pensions and Social Security.....	9.0	8.8	9.3	9.7	9.6	8.4	7.7	5.7	6.7
Sources of income and personal taxes: 1/									
Money income before taxes.....	\$44,460	\$40,579	\$47,303	\$43,046	\$47,983	\$49,638	\$44,627	\$20,302	\$21,255
Wages and salaries.....	77.0	67.4	83.1	85.9	84.5	78.5	77.1	74.9	70.6
Self-employment income.....	8.9	6.7	10.7	11.0	10.6	10.6	6.4	4.2	3.9
Social Security, private and government retirement.....	9.1	19.0	2.7	.2	1.1	7.3	11.1	1.9	16.1
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income.....	3.1	5.6	1.6	1.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.6	4.8
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits.....	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7	.9	.9	.6	.7
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps.....	.5	.3	.6	.6	.7	.4	1.6	10.2	1.5

Regular contributions for support.....	.3	.2	.4	.2	.5	.3	.6	6.0	1.6
Other income.....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.4	.6	.7
Personal taxes.....	9.7	11.0	9.0	9.1	9.5	8.0	8.4	7.0	8.8
Federal income taxes.....	7.4	8.5	6.8	6.9	7.2	6.1	6.2	5.3	6.8
State and local income taxes.....	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.6
Other taxes.....	.4	.5	.3	.3	.4	.3	.4	.2	.4
Income after taxes.....	90.3	89.0	91.0	90.9	90.5	92.0	91.6	93.0	91.2

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

2/ Value less than 0.05.

3/ Value less than 0.5.

4/ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

n.a. Not applicable.