

**Table 4. Size of consumer unit: Average annual expenditures and characteristics,
Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1986**

Item	All consumer units	One person	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five persons	Six or more persons
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	94,044	26,904	27,799	15,538	13,704	6,362	3,737
Number of sample interviews	40,188	11,315	11,591	6,718	5,981	2,863	1,720
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes ¹	\$25,460	\$14,291	\$26,659	\$29,511	\$35,744	\$31,865	\$29,734
Income after taxes ¹	23,172	12,823	23,962	26,990	32,749	29,714	27,997
Average number of persons in consumer unit	2.6	1	2	3	4	5	6.8
Age of reference person	46.7	48.7	52	42.9	40.6	40.2	42.8
Average number in consumer unit:							
Earners	1.4	0.6	1.2	1.8	2	2.2	2.6
Vehicles	2	0.9	2	2.3	2.8	2.7	3
Children under 18	0.7	0	0.1	0.8	1.6	2.4	3.6
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male	66	43	74	72	81	79	79
Female	34	57	26	28	19	21	21
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner with mortgage	37	13	36	47	61	59	57
Homeowner without mortgage	25	26	35	20	14	14	15
Renter	38	61	29	33	25	27	29
Race of reference person:							
Black	11	10	9	13	11	12	18
White and other	89	90	91	87	89	88	82
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	12	15	13	9	7	7	18
High school (9-12)	45	38	46	50	48	52	44
College	43	47	40	41	45	41	36
Never attended and other	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
At least one vehicle owned	85	68	90	90	94	92	90
Average annual expenditures:							
Food	3,448	1,834	3,402	3,947	4,740	5,202	5,759
Food at home	1,993	874	1,898	2,373	2,848	3,344	3,854
Cereals and bakery products	275	125	249	318	405	482	567

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Cereals and cereal products	93	41	74	104	139	184	240
Bakery products	183	84	175	214	265	298	327
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	562	222	542	687	798	988	1,080
Beef	189	67	183	237	275	331	373
Pork	116	42	113	144	159	214	231
Other meats	79	32	74	95	115	149	137
Poultry	85	37	81	100	123	139	169
Fish and seafood	64	29	65	73	89	106	103
Eggs	30	15	26	38	38	50	67
Dairy products	251	112	230	286	370	431	532
Fresh milk and cream	122	51	107	139	179	229	305
Other dairy products	128	61	123	147	190	202	227
Fruits and vegetables	320	161	326	361	424	491	589
Fresh fruits	102	54	110	109	131	146	185
Fresh vegetables	92	47	98	105	114	144	160
Processed fruits	72	37	68	81	104	111	136
Processed vegetables	54	24	50	65	75	90	108
Other food at home	554	241	515	685	814	906	1,047
Sugar and other sweets	74	31	68	86	114	123	151
Fats and oils	51	22	51	59	72	90	94
Miscellaneous foods	236	96	208	306	358	400	443
Nonalcoholic beverages	193	91	188	234	270	294	358
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	31	13	37	36	38	46	38
Food away from home	1,455	960	1,504	1,574	1,892	1,858	1,905
Alcoholic beverages	271	264	302	268	251	232	243
Housing	7,292	4,632	7,403	8,356	9,829	8,858	9,250
Shelter	3,979	2,808	3,987	4,384	5,289	4,625	4,768
Owned dwellings	2,305	936	2,372	2,716	3,724	3,132	3,345
Mortgage interest and charges	1,431	470	1,301	1,780	2,601	2,223	2,236
Property taxes	418	203	519	438	545	466	588
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	456	263	552	498	579	443	521
Rented dwellings	1,262	1,664	1,120	1,238	972	949	1,125
Other lodging	412	207	496	431	593	544	298
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,645	1,008	1,683	1,908	2,129	2,115	2,278
Natural gas	248	147	257	292	311	308	400
Electricity	674	370	690	788	915	916	964
Fuel oil and other fuels	107	73	117	123	131	131	85
Telephone services	471	347	470	539	563	551	599
Water and other public services	145	70	149	166	210	210	230
Household operations	354	167	292	485	614	481	446
Personal services	168	40	69	305	366	312	293
Other household expenses	186	128	223	181	248	169	153
Housekeeping supplies	316	164	328	375	438	426	454

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Laundry and cleaning supplies	92	39	82	121	139	160	142
Other household products	126	59	134	152	167	161	234
Postage and stationery	98	66	111	102	132	105	79
Household furnishings and equipment	998	485	1,113	1,204	1,359	1,212	1,304
Household textiles	105	41	128	125	131	146	150
Furniture	304	137	343	369	449	334	354
Floor coverings	55	18	64	79	60	100	68
Major appliances	156	73	178	174	207	208	241
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	56	33	63	74	65	59	57
Miscellaneous household equipment	322	183	337	384	447	365	434
Apparel and services	1,346	731	1,264	1,647	1,945	1,873	2,095
Men and boys	343	171	301	427	541	518	554
Men, 16 and over	278	164	275	363	364	335	358
Boys, 2 to 15	66	7	25	64	177	183	196
Women and girls	544	295	540	652	747	752	842
Women, 16 and over	472	286	513	561	575	542	647
Girls, 2 to 15	72	9	26	91	172	210	195
Children under 2	56	10	27	104	110	101	140
Footwear	167	78	152	185	264	246	353
Other apparel products and services	236	178	245	279	283	257	205
Transportation	4,842	2,394	5,036	6,082	6,721	6,319	6,469
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,338	1,002	2,450	3,104	3,348	3,045	3,030
Cars and trucks, new	1,415	609	1,635	1,903	1,884	1,764	1,243
Cars and trucks, used	893	371	787	1,184	1,419	1,231	1,733
Other vehicles	29	22	27	17	45	50	53
Gasoline and motor oil	915	471	922	1,099	1,250	1,301	1,403
Other vehicle expenses	1,342	728	1,375	1,645	1,819	1,767	1,789
Vehicle finance charges	269	119	254	356	429	360	368
Maintenance and repairs	492	281	514	564	629	666	748
Vehicle insurance	420	229	427	541	576	529	470
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	161	99	180	184	184	212	203
Public transportation	248	194	289	234	305	206	247
Health care	1,135	764	1,328	1,213	1,284	1,284	1,257
Health insurance	371	238	479	374	397	398	378
Medical services	502	351	520	557	620	630	574
Drugs	192	126	251	193	196	185	229
Medical supplies	69	48	77	89	71	70	76
Entertainment	1,149	611	1,150	1,416	1,628	1,603	1,379
Fees and admissions	308	202	311	308	464	398	317
Television, radios, sound equipment	371	223	364	458	471	524	507
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	202	77	204	250	303	346	269
Other supplies, equipment, and services	268	108	272	399	390	334	286
Personal care products and services	303	175	320	361	381	396	424

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Reading	140	102	157	145	166	160	136
Education	314	226	226	340	463	602	470
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	230	123	228	290	305	331	324
Miscellaneous	522	336	541	570	761	603	507
Cash contributions	746	551	1,047	761	621	556	644
Personal insurance and pensions	2,127	991	2,272	2,654	3,136	2,714	2,331
Life and other personal insurance	292	101	348	346	423	407	360
Pensions and Social Security	1,834	890	1,923	2,308	2,713	2,307	1,971
Sources of income and taxes: ¹							
Money income before taxes	25,460	14,291	26,659	29,511	35,744	31,865	29,734
Wages and salaries	19,524	9,780	18,408	24,531	29,627	27,804	24,109
Self-employment income	1,618	480	1,643	1,630	3,448	1,848	2,239
Social Security, private and government retirement	2,555	2,497	4,465	1,765	984	788	1,152
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	973	936	1,634	673	587	273	274
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	208	116	172	218	333	295	469
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	273	116	144	352	436	448	1,097
Regular contributions for support	223	252	141	257	238	291	314
Other income	86	112	52	84	90	118	81
Personal taxes ¹	2,288	1,467	2,697	2,521	2,996	2,151	1,736
Federal income taxes	1,812	1,164	2,168	1,975	2,355	1,658	1,354
State and local income taxes	412	272	447	485	544	429	329
Other taxes	64	31	81	62	97	64	53
Income after taxes ¹	23,172	12,823	23,962	26,990	32,749	29,714	27,997
Addenda:							
Net change in total assets	3,241	1,660	3,583	3,394	5,282	3,766	3,059
Net change in total liabilities	2,046	399	2,012	2,428	3,689	2,939	5,009
Other financial information							
Other money receipts	271	191	278	224	361	519	226

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Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-410	-124	-377	-516	-719	-621	-785
Estimated market value of owned home	49,642	24,634	58,672	54,381	66,896	61,906	58,655
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	309	152	349	337	425	440	369
Gifts of:							
Clothing, males 2 and over	55	42	70	52	48	66	44
Clothing, females 2 and over	67	43	79	86	69	65	57
Clothing, infants less than 2	23	10	25	35	28	25	24
Jewelry and watches	27	45	27	19	10	13	10
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	15	10	18	24	13	14	10
Household textiles	11	4	18	15	6	13	4
All other gifts	515	403	609	578	522	482	399

¹ 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