

Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2002-2003

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	113,732	21,748	26,161	40,664	25,159
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes ¹	\$50,302	\$55,278	\$50,861	\$46,201	\$52,267
Income after taxes ¹	47,787	52,930	48,021	44,052	49,346
Age of reference person	48.2	49.4	48.6	48.2	47.0
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	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.9	2.0
Percent distribution:					
Sex of reference person:					
Male	51	51	51	49	52
Female	49	49	49	51	48
Housing tenure:					
Homeowner	67	64	70	69	62
With mortgage	41	38	42	40	43
Without mortgage	26	26	28	28	19
Renter	33	36	30	31	38
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)	37	39	41	38	29
College	57	56	55	54	64
Never attended and other	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	88	80	90	89	90
Average annual expenditures	\$40,748	\$42,274	\$40,435	\$37,456	\$45,058
Food					
Food at home	3,114	3,301	2,918	2,978	3,373
Cereals and bakery products	446	491	423	417	476
Cereals and cereal products	152	163	140	143	169
Bakery products	294	328	283	274	307
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	812	883	721	822	828
Beef	238	236	217	252	242
Pork	169	166	159	182	162
Other meats	102	126	99	95	93
Poultry	144	167	124	140	153
Fish and seafood	123	152	94	119	133
Eggs	36	37	28	34	44
Dairy products	328	350	322	299	362
Fresh milk and cream	127	129	127	118	138
Other dairy products	201	222	195	181	223
Fruits and vegetables	544	595	481	500	634
Fresh fruits	174	191	155	155	211
Fresh vegetables	173	193	144	156	215
Processed fruits	112	127	102	100	127
Processed vegetables	84	84	80	88	81

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other food at home	\$985	\$981	\$971	\$940	\$1,073
Sugar and other sweets	118	122	118	109	130
Fats and oils	85	91	80	84	90
Miscellaneous foods	481	462	479	470	517
Nonalcoholic beverages	261	267	259	246	284
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	39	39	36	32	52
Food away from home	2,243	2,470	2,215	2,051	2,382
Alcoholic beverages	384	442	406	314	420
Housing	13,359	14,687	12,636	11,888	15,335
Shelter	7,859	9,049	7,091	6,571	9,710
Owned dwellings	5,215	5,864	4,926	4,427	6,227
Mortgage interest and charges	2,958	2,873	2,610	2,549	4,054
Property taxes	1,294	1,976	1,372	963	1,158
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	963	1,015	943	915	1,016
Rented dwellings	2,170	2,617	1,689	1,773	2,925
Other lodging	474	569	477	371	558
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,749	2,821	2,769	2,834	2,527
Natural gas	361	481	526	223	309
Electricity	1,005	894	918	1,228	830
Fuel oil and other fuels	99	263	88	54	41
Telephone services	956	942	925	995	939
Water and other public services	327	241	311	334	408
Household operations	706	809	592	678	783
Personal services	312	402	267	300	300
Other household expenses	394	406	325	378	482
Housekeeping supplies	537	511	640	493	522
Laundry and cleaning supplies	131	122	141	135	125
Other household products	273	248	357	249	246
Postage and stationery	132	141	143	110	150
Household furnishings and equipment	1,508	1,497	1,543	1,313	1,793
Household textiles	124	124	117	103	166
Furniture	401	425	387	358	465
Floor coverings	46	57	44	38	53
Major appliances	192	182	196	171	231
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	94	83	94	88	114
Miscellaneous household equipment	650	625	705	556	764
Apparel and services	1,694	1,911	1,643	1,520	1,835
Men and boys	390	429	397	333	441
Men, 16 and over	301	337	305	248	348
Boys, 2 to 15	90	92	92	85	93
Women and girls	669	746	670	592	722
Women, 16 and over	557	617	560	489	611
Girls, 2 to 15	111	130	110	102	111
Children under 2	82	78	90	77	85
Footwear	303	368	261	293	309
Other apparel products and services	249	290	225	226	277
Transportation	7,770	7,113	7,973	7,509	8,548
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,699	3,038	3,904	3,744	3,983
Cars and trucks, new	1,905	1,646	1,828	2,006	2,046
Cars and trucks, used	1,725	1,332	1,980	1,683	1,868
Other vehicles	69	60	95	55	70
Gasoline and motor oil	1,285	1,120	1,314	1,281	1,403

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Other vehicle expenses	\$2,400	\$2,380	\$2,399	\$2,225	\$2,700
Vehicle finance charges	384	283	393	430	386
Maintenance and repairs	658	578	633	599	847
Vehicle insurance	899	922	868	884	938
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	459	596	505	313	529
Public transportation	387	575	357	259	462
Health care	2,384	2,166	2,486	2,413	2,418
Health insurance	1,210	1,208	1,259	1,210	1,162
Medical services	590	476	594	580	703
Drugs	477	387	516	533	424
Medical supplies	106	95	116	91	130
Entertainment	2,069	2,200	2,060	1,759	2,465
Fees and admissions	518	635	513	392	625
Television, radios, sound equipment	711	751	713	670	742
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	374	405	391	324	409
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	466	408	443	374	689
Personal care products and services	526	525	507	502	587
Reading	133	159	145	98	154
Education	768	1,051	757	535	911
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	305	311	379	297	235
Miscellaneous	698	639	710	658	799
Cash contributions	1,324	1,180	1,417	1,270	1,440
Personal insurance and pensions	3,978	4,120	4,181	3,662	4,156
Life and other personal insurance	402	456	435	385	346
Pensions and Social Security	3,576	3,664	3,746	3,277	3,810
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹					
Money income before taxes	50,302	55,278	50,861	46,201	52,267
Wages and salaries	40,550	45,961	41,295	37,126	40,849
Self-employment income	2,186	1,726	2,139	1,873	3,138
Social Security, private and government retirement	5,422	5,444	5,246	5,516	5,430
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,013	1,030	1,063	710	1,446
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	252	321	256	156	346
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	333	358	242	343	388
Regular contributions for support	377	287	469	348	405
Other income	169	150	153	129	266
Personal taxes	2,514	2,348	2,840	2,150	2,922
Federal income taxes	1,843	1,621	1,924	1,698	2,184
State and local income taxes	504	532	678	331	586
Other taxes	168	196	238	120	151
Income after taxes	47,787	52,930	48,021	44,052	49,346

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Addenda:					
Net change in total assets and liabilities	- \$10,056	- \$8,393	- \$8,115	- \$6,976	- \$18,491
Net change in total assets	6,099	7,381	5,359	4,707	8,007
Net change in total liabilities	16,155	15,775	13,475	11,683	26,499
Other financial information:					
Other money receipts	535	554	633	468	524
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-1,475	-1,657	-1,562	-1,209	-1,655
Estimated market value of owned home	114,522	133,370	102,795	89,461	150,928
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	735	833	684	641	857
Gifts of goods and services	1,021	1,206	1,109	842	1,058
Food	80	124	84	58	74
Alcoholic beverages	15	15	17	12	17
Housing	239	237	256	222	252
Housekeeping supplies	42	51	44	31	49
Household textiles	13	13	17	11	13
Appliances and miscellaneous					
housewares	24	21	25	24	26
Major appliances	8	7	10	5	10
Small appliances and miscellaneous					
housewares	17	15	16	19	16
Miscellaneous household equipment	61	59	71	52	66
Other housing	99	92	99	105	96
Apparel and services	231	273	244	188	248
Males, 2 and over	60	69	59	48	70
Females, 2 and over	81	98	92	60	89
Children under 2	39	44	41	35	40
Other apparel products and services	51	63	52	45	50
Jewelry and watches	25	30	24	22	26
All other apparel products and services	26	33	28	23	24
Transportation	52	41	49	40	83
Health care	40	30	62	34	36
Entertainment	74	75	85	64	75
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	28	29	33	26	25
Other entertainment	46	46	52	38	50
Personal care products and services	18	22	19	16	19
Reading	1	1	2	1	2
Education	192	300	201	144	167
All other gifts	79	87	90	64	84

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

² Value less than 0.5.