

Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997-98

Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	17,584	2,259	1,844	1,765	2,144	2,009	7,563
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes ¹	\$18,997	\$9,354	\$28,132	\$31,193	\$28,142	\$19,538	\$13,944
Income after taxes ¹	17,469	8,941	25,119	27,641	25,394	17,904	13,304
Age of reference person	55.6	20.8	29.0	39.9	49.6	59.5	76.8
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Children under 18	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Persons 65 and over .....	.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.0
Earners .....	.5	.8	.9	.9	.8	.6	.1
Vehicles .....	.8	.6	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	.7
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Female	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner	50	3	21	42	58	58	68
With mortgage	18	1	19	34	41	26	10
Without mortgage	32	1	2	9	17	33	59
Renter	50	97	79	58	42	42	32
Race of reference person:							
Black	13	8	12	16	21	16	10
White and other	87	92	88	84	79	84	90
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	10	1	1	2	4	9	20
High school (9-12)	37	15	17	28	29	47	50
College	52	84	82	70	67	43	30
Never attended and other	(²)	(³)	1	1	(³)	(²)	1
At least one vehicle owned or leased	70	55	81	82	83	76	64
Average annual expenditures	\$19,546	\$12,117	\$24,428	\$27,514	\$26,176	\$20,977	\$16,454
Food	2,288	1,825	2,527	2,939	2,678	2,610	2,015
Food at home	1,407	770	1,166	1,533	1,687	1,748	1,438
Cereals and bakery products	219	132	192	209	242	255	234
Cereals and cereal products	69	44	66	72	79	72	73
Bakery products	149	88	126	137	163	182	162
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	311	121	191	354	383	414	332
Beef	81	24	48	84	111	109	87
Pork	62	16	22	77	73	99	66
Other meats	38	20	26	37	35	51	43
Poultry	64	30	53	76	77	79	64
Fish and seafood	50	23	32	65	67	56	52
Eggs	17	8	11	16	19	20	19
Dairy products	158	104	138	163	178	184	164
Fresh milk and cream	59	33	48	56	66	67	66
Other dairy products	99	71	90	107	112	118	98
Fruits and vegetables	278	154	245	268	327	326	294
Fresh fruits	95	49	80	88	117	109	102
Fresh vegetables	85	44	70	96	106	97	88
Processed fruits	61	43	63	55	58	71	64
Processed vegetables	37	18	32	29	46	49	40

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Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997-98 — Continued

Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Other food at home	\$442	\$258	\$400	\$539	\$558	\$568	\$413
Sugar and other sweets	63	32	57	67	91	69	64
Fats and oils	42	16	26	40	51	60	46
Miscellaneous foods	191	117	171	238	244	247	174
Nonalcoholic beverages	119	73	108	158	142	152	110
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	27	19	39	35	31	40	20
Food away from home	881	1,056	1,360	1,406	991	862	577
Alcoholic beverages	162	191	284	338	212	154	74
Housing	7,626	4,034	9,203	10,410	10,134	8,053	6,832
Shelter	4,521	2,700	6,156	6,964	6,162	4,509	3,634
Owned dwellings	2,048	109	1,484	3,078	3,480	2,458	2,009
Mortgage interest and charges	877	465	1,049	1,995	2,189	1,120	379
Property taxes	580	32	226	603	665	689	773
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	591	412	209	480	626	649	857
Rented dwellings	2,273	2,355	4,478	3,613	2,444	1,822	1,468
Other lodging	201	236	194	273	237	229	157
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,604	721	1,627	1,780	1,912	1,785	1,685
Natural gas	203	51	164	205	213	191	257
Electricity	581	193	497	601	711	699	645
Fuel oil and other fuels	65	4	436	44	43	83	98
Telephone services	585	449	854	771	737	620	465
Water and other public services	169	24	76	159	208	192	220
Household operations	321	35	121	270	321	269	479
Personal services	71	(²)	45	420	455	411	142
Other household expenses	249	35	116	251	266	258	337
Housekeeping supplies	282	127	232	280	384	406	276
Laundry and cleaning supplies	58	19	51	62	66	86	59
Other household products	121	43	87	124	159	184	122
Postage and stationery	103	65	94	94	159	136	95
Household furnishings and equipment	898	451	1,067	1,116	1,355	1,085	757
Household textiles	79	25	58	86	66	127	87
Furniture	228	123	439	312	297	210	173
Floor coverings	72	417	410	440	416	467	125
Major appliances	100	34	70	88	257	119	84
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	61	42	79	99	87	68	46
Miscellaneous household equipment	358	209	411	490	633	494	243
Apparel and services	1,025	1,019	1,377	1,738	1,197	1,149	701
Men and boys	57	27	81	54	90	63	50
Men, 16 and over	40	425	435	434	463	444	40
Boys, 2 to 15	17	42	46	20	26	20	10
Women and girls	629	635	839	1,135	756	674	417
Women, 16 and over	611	629	829	1,107	694	650	409
Girls, 2 to 15	18	46	410	28	62	24	9
Children under 2	13	49	411	49	427	435	47
Footwear	168	210	181	246	109	229	133
Other apparel products and services	158	138	265	294	215	148	92
Transportation	2,780	1,764	4,646	4,590	4,606	2,758	1,697
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	1,048	635	2,083	2,023	1,911	4748	525
Cars and trucks, new	576	4297	4832	1,382	1,109	4384	308
Cars and trucks, used	466	338	1,197	642	803	4364	217
Other vehicles	46	(³)	454	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)
Gasoline and motor oil	441	400	608	650	604	528	295

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Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997-98 — Continued

Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Other vehicle expenses	\$1,018	\$526	\$1,555	\$1,520	\$1,761	\$1,115	\$681
Vehicle finance charges	84	67	215	149	151	81	24
Maintenance and repairs	343	202	340	478	611	413	260
Vehicle insurance	381	155	579	597	548	426	290
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	210	103	421	295	451	195	107
Public transportation	274	204	401	397	329	368	196
Health care	1,434	267	815	1,173	1,319	1,507	2,006
Health insurance	658	80	264	367	515	570	1,058
Medical services	385	93	397	544	444	526	379
Drugs	315	61	97	199	263	340	476
Medical supplies	76	32	57	63	98	71	92
Entertainment	788	659	1,078	1,152	1,071	799	589
Fees and admissions	229	231	333	322	274	255	163
Television, radios, sound equipment	309	251	416	441	346	258	270
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	165	83	213	243	239	234	122
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	85	95	116	146	211	52	34
Personal care products and services	343	230	423	530	427	411	272
Reading	128	61	132	155	178	135	125
Education	339	1,191	711	282	238	138	90
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	113	80	98	188	200	181	66
Miscellaneous	569	194	465	746	731	1,005	502
Cash contributions	716	111	287	484	401	462	1,214
Personal insurance and pensions	1,234	488	2,382	2,788	2,784	1,615	274
Life and other personal insurance	148	12	74	164	245	200	162
Pensions and Social Security	1,086	477	2,308	2,625	2,539	1,415	111
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹							
Money income before taxes	18,997	9,354	28,132	31,193	28,142	19,538	13,944
Wages and salaries	11,615	7,509	25,916	28,061	25,628	13,701	993
Self-employment income	384	⁴ 90	399	1,464	600	396	155
Social Security, private and government retirement	5,390	⁴ 53	238	499	642	3,861	11,007
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	819	82	228	330	323	578	1,486
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	83	⁴ 18	⁴ 77	⁴ 173	109	279	23
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	231	⁴ 43	201	301	373	474	172
Regular contributions for support	288	865	780	284	272	⁴ 170	40
Other income	187	694	291	80	196	80	69
Personal taxes	1,528	413	3,013	3,552	2,748	1,634	640
Federal income taxes	1,139	310	2,282	2,696	2,108	1,267	427
State and local income taxes	302	102	712	796	537	271	85
Other taxes	88	⁴ 1	19	61	103	96	129
Income after taxes	17,469	8,941	25,119	27,641	25,394	17,904	13,304

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Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997-98 — Continued

Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Addenda:							
Net change in total assets and liabilities	- \$960	- \$128	- \$3,315	- \$6	- \$1,928	- \$32	- \$829
Net change in total assets	1,703	735	1,087	7,867	3,909	2,747	-199
Net change in total liabilities	2,663	863	4,402	7,873	5,837	2,779	630
Other financial information:							
Other money receipts	304	227	90	235	570	282	325
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-414	⁴ 17	-285	-560	-1,017	-876	-237
Estimated market value of owned home	49,597	3,021	20,118	41,443	55,144	60,021	68,262
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home ..	361	22	180	358	434	435	468
Gifts of goods and services	767	521	625	786	1,064	1,005	724
Food	39	33	30	106	65	47	18
Housing	220	187	187	231	318	284	192
Housekeeping supplies	33	24	33	54	48	53	22
Household textiles	13	⁴ 4	⁴ 2	⁴ 10	⁴ 12	29	13
Appliances and miscellaneous							
housewares	28	⁴ 23	40	40	39	50	14
Major appliances	6	⁴ 7	⁴ 1	⁴ 8	⁴ 1	⁴ 18	⁴ 5
Small appliances and miscellaneous							
housewares	21	⁴ 17	39	⁴ 32	39	32	9
Miscellaneous household equipment	51	33	54	79	88	70	33
Other housing	96	103	58	49	129	82	109
Apparel and services	177	92	193	175	289	274	142
Males, 2 and over	56	27	81	54	90	63	49
Females, 2 and over	63	⁴ 17	72	79	126	96	46
Children under 2	13	⁴ 9	⁴ 11	⁴ 9	⁴ 27	⁴ 35	⁴ 7
Other apparel products and services	44	39	29	33	46	80	40
Jewelry and watches	25	25	23	18	23	15	29
All other apparel products and services	19	⁴ 14	⁴ 6	⁴ 15	⁴ 23	66	11
Transportation	39	55	25	24	27	70	36
Health care	48	⁴ 1	⁴ 7	⁴ 16	⁴ 30	⁴ 36	88
Entertainment	70	29	73	75	81	73	77
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	29	11	25	34	30	45	29
Other entertainment	42	18	48	41	51	28	48
Education	86	99	⁴ 16	⁴ 65	171	479	82
All other gifts	87	25	93	93	83	141	89

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

² Value less than 0.5.

³ No data reported.

⁴ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.
n.a. Not applicable.