

Table 38. Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units classified by age of the reference person, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1989 and 1999

Item	All consumer units	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	65-74	75 and over
1989									
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	95,818	7,633	20,855	20,436	14,566	12,005	20,323	11,848	8,474
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes ¹	\$31,308	\$14,863	\$30,655	\$40,915	\$41,968	\$34,777	\$19,690	\$22,051	\$16,285
Age of reference person	47.2	21.5	29.7	39.4	49.2	59.6	73.9	69.2	80.5
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons	2.6	1.8	2.7	3.3	3.0	2.3	1.8	1.9	1.6
Children under 18 .....	.7	.4	1.1	1.4	.7	.2	.1	.1	(2)
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	.1	1.4	1.4	1.4
Earners	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.0	1.5	.5	.6	.2
Vehicles	2.0	1.2	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.3	1.4	1.7	1.1
Percent homeowner	63	8	44	69	74	82	76	78	74
Average annual expenditures	\$27,810	\$16,577	\$26,683	\$35,589	\$36,073	\$28,617	\$18,967	\$21,152	\$15,919
Percent distribution:	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Food	14.9	15.1	14.7	14.7	14.9	15.5	15.4	15.2	15.7
Food at home	8.6	7.8	8.1	8.4	8.3	9.1	10.1	9.7	10.8
Cereals and bakery products	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.2	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6
Dairy products	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4
Fruits and vegetables	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.2
Other food at home	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7
Food away from home	6.3	7.4	6.6	6.3	6.6	6.3	5.3	5.5	5.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.0	1.9	1.4	.9	.8	1.0	.7	.8	.6
Housing	31.0	28.9	33.4	30.7	29.6	28.5	32.5	32.0	33.4
Shelter	17.4	18.4	19.6	17.9	16.7	15.1	15.8	15.5	16.2
Owned dwellings	10.2	1.7	9.7	12.3	10.9	10.2	9.1	9.5	8.4
Rented dwellings	5.4	15.9	8.8	4.1	3.4	2.6	4.8	4.1	6.1
Other lodging	1.7	.7	1.1	1.6	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.9	1.7
Utilities, fuels, and public services	6.6	5.2	6.1	6.0	6.3	7.1	8.9	8.6	9.6
Household operations	1.7	.7	2.3	1.7	1.1	1.2	2.2	1.7	3.0
Housekeeping supplies	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.8	2.0
Household furnishings and equipment	3.9	3.5	4.2	3.8	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.3	2.7
Apparel and services	5.7	6.9	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.5	4.8	5.4	3.6
Transportation	18.7	24.0	19.0	18.5	18.9	18.7	16.3	17.5	14.1
Vehicle purchases	8.2	12.9	8.4	8.5	7.9	8.0	6.7	6.8	6.5
Gasoline and motor oil	3.5	4.3	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.1	3.6	2.4
Other vehicle expenses	5.9	5.9	6.1	5.8	6.2	5.8	5.1	5.7	4.1
Public transportation	1.0	.9	.9	.8	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.1
Health care	5.1	2.1	3.4	3.8	3.9	6.3	11.3	9.4	14.8
Entertainment	5.1	5.6	5.2	5.8	5.1	4.8	3.8	4.0	3.4
Personal care products and services	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4
Reading .....	.6	.5	.5	.5	.5	.6	.7	.7	.7
Education	1.3	4.0	.9	1.4	2.0	.9	.4	.5	.2
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.9	1.2	.9	.9	.9	1.1	.8	.9	.6
Miscellaneous	2.3	1.6	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.1
Cash contributions	3.2	.7	1.9	2.6	3.9	4.0	5.8	4.8	7.5
Personal insurance and pensions	8.9	6.1	9.5	10.4	10.3	9.3	3.9	5.0	1.9
Life and other personal insurance	1.2	.5	.9	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.1
Pensions and Social Security ..	7.6	5.6	8.5	9.0	9.0	8.0	2.4	3.3	.7

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Table 38. Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units classified by age of the reference person, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1989 and 1999—Continued

Item	All consumer units	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over	65-74	75 and over
1999									
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	108,465	8,164	19,332	24,405	20,903	13,647	22,015	11,578	10,437
Consumer unit characteristics: ..									
Income before taxes ¹	\$43,951	\$18,276	\$42,470	\$53,579	\$59,822	\$49,436	\$26,581	\$28,928	\$23,937
Age of reference person	47.9	21.4	29.7	39.5	49.2	59.1	74.8	69.3	80.8
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons	2.5	1.8	2.9	3.2	2.7	2.2	1.7	1.9	1.5
Children under 18 .....	.7	.4	1.1	1.3	.6	.2	.1	.1	(2)
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	.1	1.4	1.4	1.3
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.3	.4	.6	.2
Vehicles	1.9	1.1	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.2	1.5	1.8	1.2
Percent homeowner	65	13	45	67	77	80	80	82	77
Average annual expenditures	\$36,995	\$21,704	\$36,158	\$42,792	\$46,511	\$39,394	\$26,521	\$29,864	\$22,884
Percent distribution:	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Food	13.6	15.5	14.2	14.3	12.8	12.8	13.2	13.9	12.4
Food at home	7.9	8.4	8.0	8.3	7.2	7.4	8.5	8.6	8.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.0
Dairy products .....	.9	.9	.9	1.0	.8	.8	1.0	1.0	1.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.8
Other food at home	2.4	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
Food away from home	5.7	7.0	6.2	6.0	5.6	5.4	4.7	5.3	3.9
Alcoholic beverages .....	.9	1.7	1.0	.9	.7	.8	.6	.7	.5
Housing	32.6	30.3	34.6	33.2	31.2	30.7	33.7	32.2	35.9
Shelter	19.0	19.1	21.1	20.1	18.3	16.9	17.3	16.5	18.3
Owned dwellings	12.2	2.7	10.9	14.3	13.3	12.2	11.2	11.5	10.8
Rented dwellings	5.5	15.2	9.5	5.0	3.3	3.1	4.5	3.2	6.2
Other lodging	1.3	1.1	.6	.9	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.3
Utilities, fuels, and public services	6.4	5.4	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.6	8.1	7.9	8.3
Household operations	1.8	.8	2.1	1.9	1.3	1.2	2.8	1.5	4.7
Housekeeping supplies	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.5
Household furnishings and equipment	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.5	3.2
Apparel and services	4.7	5.5	5.7	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.1	3.9
Transportation	19.0	23.2	19.8	18.8	19.4	18.6	16.5	18.3	14.0
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	8.9	13.2	9.7	8.9	8.9	8.6	7.2	8.1	5.9
Gasoline and motor oil	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.7	2.0
Other vehicle expenses	6.1	5.8	6.2	6.0	6.6	5.9	5.4	5.8	4.9
Public transportation	1.1	1.0	.9	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.1
Health care	5.3	2.5	3.2	3.8	4.7	6.2	11.4	10.0	13.3
Entertainment	5.1	5.3	4.9	5.3	5.1	5.5	4.7	5.2	3.8
Personal care products and services	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3
Reading .....	.4	.3	.3	.4	.5	.5	.6	.6	.6
Education	1.7	5.9	1.3	1.5	2.4	1.4	.5	.6	.5
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.8	1.0	.8	.9	.8	.8	.6	.7	.4
Miscellaneous	2.3	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.6	3.0	2.6	3.5
Cash contributions	3.2	.8	1.6	2.5	3.0	4.4	6.1	5.6	6.9
Personal insurance and pensions	9.3	5.1	9.5	10.4	11.6	10.0	3.7	4.3	2.8
Life and other personal insurance	1.1	.3	.7	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.0
Pensions and Social Security	8.2	4.8	8.8	9.4	10.3	8.7	2.4	2.8	1.8

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

² Value less than 0.05.