

Table 39. Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units classified by composition of the consumer unit, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1989 and 1999

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	Total husband and wife consumer units	Husband and wife only	Husband and wife with children			Other husband and wife consumer units			
			Total husband and wife with children	Oldest child under 6	Oldest child 6 to 17		Oldest child 18 or over		
1989									
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	52,728	20,883	28,271	6,265	13,721	8,285	3,574	5,561	37,528
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes ¹	\$40,913	\$37,183	\$43,576	\$37,601	\$43,486	\$48,660	\$42,171	\$17,416	\$20,260
Age of reference person	47.4	56.1	40.9	30.7	38.8	51.9	47.9	35.3	48.7
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons	3.2	2.0	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.9	4.9	2.9	1.6
Children under 18 .....	.9	n.a.	1.5	1.5	2.1	.6	1.6	1.8	.2
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.7	.1	(2)	(2)	.2	.5	(2)	.3
Earners	1.8	1.2	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.7	2.4	1.0	.9
Vehicles	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.2	2.7	3.6	2.9	1.0	1.3
Percent homeowner	78	80	77	64	77	89	77	34	44
Average annual expenditures	\$34,826	\$30,604	\$37,580	\$33,791	\$37,644	\$40,433	\$37,705	\$19,186	\$19,087
Percent distribution	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Food	14.9	14.3	15.1	13.7	15.6	15.4	16.8	17.8	14.2
Food at home	8.7	7.9	8.9	8.5	9.2	8.7	11.4	11.6	7.6
Cereals and bakery products	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.9	3.0	1.9
Dairy products	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.0
Fruits and vegetables	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.4
Other food at home	2.6	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.5	3.4	3.4	2.3
Food away from home	6.2	6.5	6.2	5.2	6.3	6.6	5.4	6.2	6.5
Alcoholic beverages .....	.8	1.0	.8	.9	.7	.8	.9	.7	1.5
Housing	30.0	30.5	29.9	34.4	30.4	26.1	28.8	35.8	32.7
Shelter	16.4	16.6	16.3	18.2	17.1	13.8	15.3	19.7	19.8
Owned dwellings	11.3	10.9	11.7	12.4	12.3	10.5	9.9	7.9	7.9
Rented dwellings	3.1	3.3	3.0	4.9	3.2	1.4	3.4	11.0	10.4
Other lodging	1.9	2.4	1.6	1.0	1.6	2.0	1.9	.9	1.5
Utilities, fuels, and public services	6.3	6.4	6.2	5.7	6.1	6.5	7.1	8.4	7.1
Household operations	1.8	1.2	2.1	4.4	1.9	.9	1.6	3.0	1.2
Housekeeping supplies	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2
Household furnishings and equipment	4.1	4.7	3.9	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4
Apparel and services	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.2	7.9	5.7
Transportation	19.3	18.5	19.5	18.8	18.6	21.4	20.5	16.0	17.6
Vehicle purchases	8.7	8.0	9.1	9.2	8.7	9.6	9.7	7.3	7.2
Gasoline and motor oil	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.6	4.2	3.8	2.9	3.4
Other vehicle expenses	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.6	6.7	6.0	4.8	5.8
Public transportation .....	.9	1.2	.8	.5	.7	.9	1.0	1.0	1.3
Health care	5.1	6.5	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.4	5.4	3.5	5.2
Entertainment	5.4	4.6	5.9	5.7	5.8	6.2	5.4	4.7	4.5
Personal care products and services	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.4
Reading .....	.5	.6	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.6
Education	1.2	.6	1.6	.4	1.5	2.5	1.2	1.0	1.6
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.9	1.0	1.0	1.2
Miscellaneous	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.8
Cash contributions	3.2	4.5	2.5	1.6	2.3	3.3	2.6	1.2	3.6
Personal insurance and pensions	9.6	9.1	10.1	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.2	6.1	7.5
Life and other personal insurance	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	.8	.9
Pensions and Social Security	8.2	7.6	8.8	9.3	8.8	8.4	6.9	5.3	6.6

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			Total husband and wife with children	Oldest child under 6	Oldest child 6 to 17	Oldest child 18 or over			
1999									
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	56,429	23,406	28,535	5,304	15,378	7,853	4,488	6,571	45,465
Consumer unit characteristics: .									
Income before taxes ¹	\$59,126	\$54,062	\$63,666	\$57,922	\$63,558	\$68,094	\$56,519	\$25,685	\$28,281
Age of reference person	48.2	56.8	41.2	31.7	39.5	50.9	48.4	36.3	49.2
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons	3.2	2.0	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.9	4.9	2.9	1.6
Children under 18 .....	.9	n.a.	1.6	1.5	2.1	.6	1.5	1.8	.2
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.7	.1	(2)	(2)	.2	.4	(2)	.3
Earners	1.7	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.8	2.6	2.4	1.1	.9
Vehicles	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.6	3.2	2.9	1.2	1.3
Percent homeowner	81	84	79	67	79	86	76	39	49
Average annual expenditures	\$47,149	\$42,133	\$51,154	\$46,085	\$51,453	\$54,214	\$47,942	\$27,900	\$25,835
Percent distribution:	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Food	13.5	12.8	13.8	11.7	14.5	13.7	15.5	16.2	13.6
Food at home	7.8	7.1	8.1	7.3	8.5	7.9	9.4	10.5	7.7
Cereals and bakery products	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.6	2.8	2.0
Dairy products .....	.9	.8	.9	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	1.1	.8
Fruits and vegetables	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.6	1.3
Other food at home	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.8	3.2	2.4
Food away from home	5.7	5.6	5.6	4.4	6.0	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.9
Alcoholic beverages .....	.7	.9	.6	.6	.6	.5	.6	.5	1.2
Housing	31.4	30.8	32.0	37.3	31.9	29.0	30.0	36.2	34.7
Shelter	17.8	17.3	18.4	21.9	18.4	16.3	16.6	21.1	21.1
Owned dwellings	13.6	12.7	14.4	16.4	14.7	12.7	12.1	9.5	9.5
Rented dwellings	2.9	2.8	2.9	4.9	2.8	1.9	3.6	11.1	10.4
Other lodging	1.4	1.8	1.1	.6	.9	1.8	1.0	.5	1.2
Utilities, fuels, and public services	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.9	7.9	7.0
Household operations	1.8	1.3	2.2	4.6	2.1	1.0	1.5	2.5	1.7
Housekeeping supplies	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2
Household furnishings and equipment	4.2	4.6	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.8
Apparel and services	4.6	4.0	4.9	4.5	5.2	4.6	5.3	7.0	4.6
Transportation	19.7	19.1	20.0	20.3	18.6	22.2	20.4	16.8	17.5
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	9.4	9.0	9.7	10.5	9.2	10.0	9.1	8.1	8.0
Gasoline and motor oil	2.9	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.4	3.4	2.6	2.7
Other vehicle expenses	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.3	5.8	7.7	6.7	5.3	5.7
Public transportation	1.1	1.4	.9	.7	.8	1.1	1.1	.8	1.1
Health care	5.3	6.9	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.9	5.3	3.6	5.4
Entertainment	5.3	5.4	5.4	4.6	6.1	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.6
Personal care products and services	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.2
Reading .....	.4	.5	.4	.3	.4	.4	.3	.3	.5
Education	1.8	1.3	2.2	.7	2.0	3.4	1.2	1.5	1.6
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.7	.6	.7	.5	.7	.7	1.0	.9	1.1
Miscellaneous	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.8	3.0	2.7
Cash contributions	3.1	4.2	2.3	1.8	2.3	2.7	3.0	1.3	3.7
Personal insurance and pensions	10.2	10.2	10.4	10.7	10.5	9.9	9.2	6.5	7.6
Life and other personal insurance	1.3	1.3	1.3	.9	1.4	1.3	1.3	.6	.7
Pensions and Social Security	8.9	8.9	9.1	9.9	9.1	8.6	7.9	5.9	6.9

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

² Value less than 0.05.

n.a. Not applicable.