

**Table 40. Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units classified by region of residence, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1989 and 1999**

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1989					
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	95,818	20,101	24,351	31,935	19,430
Consumer unit characteristics: .....					
Income before taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	\$31,308	\$34,122	\$29,452	\$29,669	\$33,372
Age of reference person .....	47.2	48.6	46.9	47.4	45.8
Average number in consumer unit .....					
Persons .....	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6
Children under 18 .....	.7	.6	.7	.7	.7
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners .....	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles .....	2.0	1.6	2.2	2.0	2.2
Percent homeowner .....	63	60	65	65	58
Average annual expenditures .....	\$27,810	\$28,241	\$26,062	\$26,232	\$32,144
Percent distribution: .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Food .....	14.9	15.7	15.1	14.7	14.4
Food at home .....	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.1
Dairy products .....	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5
Other food at home .....	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.6
Food away from home .....	6.3	7.0	6.5	6.2	5.8
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.0	1.1	1.1	.9	1.1
Housing .....	31.0	32.7	29.8	30.0	31.9
Shelter .....	17.4	19.3	15.8	15.5	19.7
Owned dwellings .....	10.2	11.0	9.9	9.0	11.6
Rented dwellings .....	5.4	6.3	4.3	4.8	6.4
Other lodging .....	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.7
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	6.6	6.8	7.0	7.2	5.2
Household operations .....	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.8
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3
Household furnishings and equipment .....	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.9
Apparel and services .....	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.4	5.8
Transportation .....	18.7	16.8	19.1	18.9	19.6
Vehicle purchases .....	8.2	6.7	8.3	8.3	9.5
Gasoline and motor oil .....	3.5	3.0	3.8	4.1	3.1
Other vehicle expenses .....	5.9	5.7	6.1	5.8	5.8
Public transportation .....	1.0	1.4	.8	.8	1.2
Health care .....	5.1	4.6	5.1	5.7	4.5
Entertainment .....	5.1	5.6	4.8	5.0	5.2
Personal care products and services .....	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
Reading .....	.6	.6	.6	.5	.5
Education .....	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.1
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.9	.9	1.1	1.0	.7
Miscellaneous .....	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.4
Cash contributions .....	3.2	2.5	3.2	4.0	2.9
Personal insurance and pensions .....	8.9	8.8	9.4	8.9	8.6
Life and other personal insurance .....	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.5	.9
Pensions and Social Security .....	7.6	7.6	8.1	7.4	7.6

See footnote at end of table.

**Table 40. Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units classified by region of residence, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1989 and 1999—Continued**

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1999					
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	108,465	20,979	25,765	37,816	23,906
Consumer unit characteristics: .....					
Income before taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	\$43,951	\$48,307	\$41,983	\$40,387	\$47,494
Age of reference person .....	47.9	49.3	48.4	47.6	46.6
Average number in consumer unit: .....					
Persons .....	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6
Children under 18 .....	.7	.6	.7	.7	.7
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners .....	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles .....	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.9	2.0
Percent homeowner .....	65	63	69	67	59
Average annual expenditures .....	\$36,995	\$38,403	\$36,302	\$33,303	\$42,335
Percent distribution: .....					
Food .....	13.6	14.3	13.4	13.9	12.9
Food at home .....	7.9	8.0	7.5	8.2	7.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.0	2.2	1.8	2.2	1.9
Dairy products .....	.9	.9	.8	.9	.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.4
Other food at home .....	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.4
Food away from home .....	5.7	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.9	1.0	.9	.8	.9
Housing .....	32.6	34.8	31.7	31.0	33.5
Shelter .....	19.0	21.5	17.9	16.6	20.9
Owned dwellings .....	12.2	13.8	12.3	10.6	12.9
Rented dwellings .....	5.5	6.3	4.4	4.9	6.5
Other lodging .....	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.5
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	6.4	6.4	6.6	7.3	5.1
Household operations .....	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.2
Household furnishings and equipment .....	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.1
Apparel and services .....	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.9
Transportation .....	18.9	16.8	19.1	20.6	18.4
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	8.9	7.0	9.3	10.4	8.3
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2.9	2.4	2.9	3.2	2.8
Other vehicle expenses .....	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2
Public transportation .....	1.1	1.4	1.0	.9	1.2
Health care .....	5.3	4.7	5.7	5.9	4.6
Entertainment .....	5.1	4.8	5.7	4.7	5.4
Personal care products and services .....	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1
Reading .....	.4	.5	.5	.4	.4
Education .....	1.7	2.4	1.6	1.4	1.7
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.8	.8	1.0	.9	.5
Miscellaneous .....	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.5
Cash contributions .....	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.2
Personal insurance and pensions .....	9.3	9.1	9.4	8.8	9.9
Life and other personal insurance .....	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	.9
Pensions and Social Security .....	8.2	8.1	8.4	7.6	9.0

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