

Table 41. Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units classified by origin of the reference person, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1989 and 1999

Item	All consumer units	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic		
			Total Non-Hispanic	Non-Hispanic less Afro-American	Afro-American
1989					
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	95,818	5,857	89,960	80,961	8,999
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes ¹	\$31,308	\$23,098	\$31,863	\$33,007	\$21,270
Age of reference person	47.2	40.6	47.6	47.9	45.4
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	2.6	3.3	2.5	2.5	2.8
Children under 18 .....	.7	1.2	.7	.6	1.1
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.1	.3	.3	.2
Earners	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.2
Vehicles	2.0	1.5	2.0	2.1	1.1
Percent homeowner	63	36	64	67	41
Average annual expenditures	\$27,810	\$23,226	\$28,106	\$29,201	\$18,294
Percent distribution:					
Food	14.9	18.9	14.7	14.6	16.1
Food at home	8.6	12.1	8.4	8.3	10.5
Cereals and bakery products	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.2	3.5	2.1	2.0	3.6
Dairy products	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.5	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.8
Other food at home	2.5	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.7
Food away from home	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.4	5.6
Alcoholic beverages	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	.8
Housing	31.0	33.9	30.8	30.5	34.4
Shelter	17.4	21.4	17.2	17.0	19.0
Owned dwellings	10.2	8.7	10.3	10.5	7.6
Rented dwellings	5.4	11.8	5.0	4.7	10.7
Other lodging	1.7	.9	1.8	1.9	.8
Utilities, fuels, and public services	6.6	6.4	6.6	6.4	9.9
Household operations	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.2
Housekeeping supplies	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3
Household furnishings and equipment	3.9	3.1	4.0	4.0	3.1
Apparel and services	5.7	7.0	5.6	5.5	6.9
Transportation	18.7	17.5	18.7	18.8	17.4
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.3	6.8
Gasoline and motor oil	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.5
Other vehicle expenses	5.9	4.7	5.9	5.9	5.9
Public transportation	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2
Health care	5.1	3.3	5.2	5.2	3.8
Entertainment	5.1	4.0	5.2	5.3	3.1
Personal care products and services	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.5
Reading .....	.6	.3	.6	.6	.4
Education	1.3	.6	1.4	1.4	1.3
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.9	.6	1.0	.9	1.3
Miscellaneous	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.5
Cash contributions	3.2	1.7	3.3	3.4	1.9
Personal insurance and pensions	8.9	7.6	9.0	9.0	8.6
Life and other personal insurance	1.2	.6	1.3	1.2	1.7
Pensions and Social Security	7.6	7.0	7.7	7.7	6.9

See footnote at end of table.

Table 41. Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units classified by origin of the reference person, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1989 and 1999—Continued

Item	All consumer units	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic		
			Total Non-Hispanic	Non-Hispanic less Afro-American	Afro-American
1999					
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	108,465	9,111	99,354	87,924	11,431
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes ¹	\$43,951	\$33,803	\$44,955	\$46,746	\$30,325
Age of reference person	47.9	41.2	48.5	49.0	45.0
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	2.5	3.5	2.4	2.4	2.7
Children under 18 .....	.7	1.3	.6	.6	.9
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2
Earners	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3
Vehicles	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.0	1.3
Percent homeowner	65	44	67	69	48
Average annual expenditures	\$36,995	\$33,044	\$37,356	\$38,658	\$27,280
Percent distribution:	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Food	13.6	16.6	13.3	13.2	15.0
Food at home	7.9	10.8	7.6	7.5	9.6
Cereals and bakery products	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.0	3.3	1.9	1.8	3.2
Dairy products .....	.9	1.1	.8	.8	.9
Fruits and vegetables	1.4	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.5
Other food at home	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.6
Food away from home	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	.9	.8	.9	.9	.5
Housing	32.6	33.3	32.5	32.3	35.2
Shelter	19.0	20.5	18.8	18.8	19.8
Owned dwellings	12.2	9.6	12.4	12.7	9.9
Rented dwellings	5.5	10.3	5.1	4.7	9.4
Other lodging	1.3	.5	1.3	1.4	.5
Utilities, fuels, and public services	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.2	8.9
Household operations	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.6
Housekeeping supplies	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Household furnishings and equipment	4.1	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.6
Apparel and services	4.7	6.3	4.6	4.4	6.9
Transportation	19.0	20.6	18.8	18.8	18.9
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	8.9	10.2	8.8	8.8	8.9
Gasoline and motor oil	2.9	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.8
Other vehicle expenses	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.3
Public transportation	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Health care	5.3	3.4	5.5	5.6	4.1
Entertainment	5.1	3.8	5.2	5.4	3.4
Personal care products and services	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.5
Reading .....	.4	.2	.4	.5	.3
Education	1.7	1.1	1.8	1.8	1.4
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.8	.5	.8	.8	.8
Miscellaneous	2.3	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.1
Cash contributions	3.2	2.1	3.3	3.4	2.1
Personal insurance and pensions	9.3	8.2	9.4	9.5	7.8
Life and other personal insurance	1.1	.6	1.1	1.1	1.2
Pensions and Social Security	8.2	7.7	8.3	8.4	6.6

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