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Item	All consumer units	Single consumers		Consumer units of two or more persons			
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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	104,212	11,463	18,034	10,546	20,705	33,038	10,426
Income before taxes 1/	\$38,014	\$12,385	\$25,557	\$19,073	\$34,747	\$54,116	\$61,865
Income after taxes 1/	34,864	11,945	22,911	18,616	32,109	49,233	56,728
Age of reference person	47.7	68.3	38.4	63.5	46.9	41.4	46.6
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	2.5	1.0	1.0	2.5	3.0	3.1	4.4
Children under 18	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.1	0.9	1.2
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.7	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
Earners	1.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.4
Vehicles	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.5	1.9	2.4	3.3
Percent distribution:							
Male	60	29	53	65	57	71	76
Female	40	71	47	35	43	29	24
Percent homeowner	64	58	37	72	64	72	81
With mortgage	38	10	24	14	36	56	61
Without mortgage	26	49	13	58	27	16	20
Renter	36	42	63	28	36	28	19
Black	12	12	9	16	16	10	10
White and other	88	88	91	84	84	90	90
Elementary (1-8)	8	19	3	17	8	4	7
High school (9-12)	41	48	29	52	47	38	43
College	50	31	68	30	45	58	49
Never attended and other	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
At least one vehicle owned	85	61	78	79	86	94	96
Average annual expenditures	\$33,797	\$15,174	\$23,105	\$24,043	\$33,453	\$43,850	\$49,651
Food	4,698	2,136	2,858	3,937	4,789	5,712	7,210
Food at home	2,876	1,562	1,409	2,823	3,183	3,392	4,285
Cereals and bakery products	447	243	208	440	491	530	682
Cereals and cereal products	166	85	75	165	188	194	254
Bakery products	281	158	133	275	303	335	427
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	737	406	322	774	822	861	1,134
Beef	215	99	87	206	251	258	334
Pork	157	114	72	181	168	175	239
Other meats	99	51	41	93	112	114	166
Poultry	144	74	61	161	153	172	224
Fish and seafood	88	44	44	90	100	105	121
Eggs	34	24	16	42	37	37	50
Dairy products	312	171	152	284	341	373	471
Fresh milk and cream	132	74	58	130	149	155	204
Other dairy products	180	97	94	154	192	217	267
Fruits and vegetables	490	283	251	527	537	574	688
Fresh fruits	153	86	85	168	172	175	214
Fresh vegetables	147	90	70	158	160	174	209
Processed fruits	110	61	58	107	123	131	148
Processed vegetables	80	46	37	93	83	95	116
Other food at home	889	459	476	798	992	1,055	1,311
Sugar and other sweets	114	56	58	131	138	127	163
Fats and oils	83	55	37	91	95	97	111
Miscellaneous foods	391	192	203	320	442	468	589
Nonalcoholic beverages	252	135	140	210	261	305	385
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	49	20	38	46	56	58	63
Food away from home	1,823	574	1,450	1,113	1,605	2,320	2,924
Alcoholic beverages	309	97	352	209	241	382	383
Housing	10,747	5,948	7,815	7,879	11,101	13,714	13,717
Shelter	6,064	3,322	5,078	3,912	6,061	7,770	7,557
Owned dwellings	3,783	1,507	2,121	2,275	3,712	5,413	5,659
Mortgage interest and charges	2,114	306	1,188	457	1,998	3,449	3,383

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Property taxes	939	587	501	889	969	1,172	1,341
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	729	615	433	929	745	792	935
Rented dwellings	1,864	1,624	2,646	1,297	1,955	1,843	1,230
Other lodging	417	191	312	340	394	514	668
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,347	1,522	1,467	2,246	2,502	2,740	3,325
Natural gas	291	223	161	318	307	337	389
Electricity	907	588	522	927	993	1,053	1,276
Fuel oil and other fuels	108	98	48	100	118	125	157
Telephone services	772	434	614	601	809	908	1,088
Water and other public services	268	179	122	300	276	317	415
Household operations	522	389	181	402	532	826	391
Personal services	259	126	28	110	272	512	123
Other household expenses	263	263	153	293	260	314	268
Housekeeping supplies	464	216	218	426	549	554	678
Laundry and cleaning supplies	119	54	56	102	133	143	190
Other household products	205	82	93	192	227	263	283
Postage and stationery	140	80	69	131	188	147	205
Household furnishings and equipment	1,350	500	871	893	1,457	1,825	1,766
Household textiles	76	44	57	50	76	96	104
Furniture	321	163	238	197	358	403	427
Floor coverings	101	19	25	64	157	148	89
Major appliances	162	66	70	165	163	215	253
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	84	38	52	60	104	101	115
Miscellaneous household equipment	607	171	429	357	598	862	778
Apparel and services	1,752	607	1,040	922	1,881	2,248	2,789
Men and boys	423	87	246	235	446	572	670
Men, 16 and over	330	80	234	182	306	434	547
Boys, 2 to 15	93	6	12	54	140	138	123
Women and girls	718	322	447	391	760	899	1,117
Women, 16 and over	607	316	431	344	623	725	945
Girls, 2 to 15	111	7	16	46	137	174	172
Children under 2	82	7	15	36	151	113	85
Footwear	298	112	161	170	332	372	489
Other apparel products and services	230	79	171	90	193	292	428
Transportation	6,382	1,788	4,093	4,318	6,208	8,618	10,715
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,815	483	1,637	1,911	2,833	3,953	4,688
Cars and trucks, new	1,209	293	612	1,069	1,182	1,802	1,564
Cars and trucks, used	1,568	191	985	841	1,650	2,076	3,054
Other vehicles	38	0	39	1	2	75	70
Gasoline and motor oil	1,082	341	735	700	1,073	1,407	1,868
Other vehicle expenses	2,058	660	1,414	1,312	1,874	2,760	3,581
Vehicle finance charges	276	22	152	108	242	417	556
Maintenance and repairs	645	239	471	441	583	838	1,096
Vehicle insurance	698	267	458	515	640	887	1,284
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	440	133	333	248	409	618	645
Public transportation	427	303	307	395	428	498	577
Health care	1,770	1,697	812	2,590	1,947	1,815	2,202
Health insurance	827	807	339	1,266	884	871	993
Medical services	543	467	267	608	612	592	754
Drugs	303	349	136	595	360	252	306
Medical supplies	97	74	70	121	91	99	149
Entertainment	1,834	622	1,233	1,382	1,710	2,581	2,404
Fees and admissions	459	193	327	292	442	619	675
Television, radios, sound equipment	561	289	448	410	560	691	809
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	335	97	195	189	384	489	336
Other entertainment supplies, equipment and services	479	42	264	491	324	782	584
Personal care products and services	513	259	308	458	528	613	809
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Education	524	139	587	176	443	574	1,177
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	255	123	194	184	273	302	390
Miscellaneous	855	622	716	542	846	1,043	1,071
Cash contributions	940	841	645	967	930	1,102	1,043
Personal insurance and pensions	3,060	199	2,322	349	2,403	4,949	5,543
Life and other personal insurance	353	114	158	264	356	497	583
Pensions and Social Security	2,707	85	2,164	85	2,048	4,452	4,960
Money income before taxes 1/	38,014	12,385	25,557	19,073	34,747	54,116	61,865
Wages and salaries	29,560	0	22,336	35	25,357	47,545	54,750
Self-employment income	2,318	0	1,505	7	2,382	3,719	4,004
Social Security, private and government retirement	4,334	10,097	754	15,017	4,834	1,612	1,496
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	761	1,434	332	1,722	778	516	593
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	213	149	107	187	231	207	479
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	437	402	33	1,785	689	177	176
Regular contributions for support	243	207	236	261	359	198	195
Other income	148	96	255	60	118	143	172
Personal taxes 1/	3,150	441	2,646	457	2,638	4,882	5,137
Federal income taxes	2,372	328	2,060	252	1,839	3,744	3,908
State and local income taxes	665	50	537	51	681	994	1,097
Other taxes	113	62	50	154	117	145	131
Income after taxes 1/	34,864	11,945	22,911	18,616	32,109	49,233	56,728
Net change in total assets and liabilities	-1,689	-336	1	-264	-1,624	-3,272	-2,655
Net change in total assets	4,049	177	4,023	1,163	4,506	6,381	2,969
Net change in total liabilities	5,738	514	4,022	1,428	6,130	9,653	5,624
Other money receipts	309	372	225	307	482	229	298
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-960	-176	-586	-332	-939	-1,381	-1,818
Estimated market value of owned home	73,168	51,518	37,742	73,159	75,136	89,316	103,181
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	503	370	271	506	500	613	707
Gifts of goods and services	1,119	672	943	836	1,100	1,334	1,468
Food	62	14	47	47	50	82	116
Housing	280	150	224	204	284	348	353
Housekeeping supplies	40	21	30	39	33	53	49
Household textiles	8	7	5	5	8	10	9
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares	30	23	22	20	35	33	44
Major appliances	8	6	4	11	6	10	10
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	22	17	18	9	29	23	33
Miscellaneous household equipment	81	34	76	35	112	88	96
Other housing	120	65	90	105	95	165	156
Apparel and services	296	131	237	187	372	332	382
Males, 2 and over	78	31	59	48	100	101	68
Females, 2 and over	99	66	84	73	115	118	89
Children under 2	41	7	15	25	71	45	58
Other apparel products and services	78	27	80	42	86	68	166
Jewelry and watches	44	7	61	21	37	28	126
All other apparel products and services	34	19	19	22	49	40	41
Transportation	60	48	64	45	33	78	75
Health care	43	123	29	73	19	33	23
Entertainment	110	51	118	69	114	133	109
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	40	9	37	42	46	49	30
Other entertainment	70	42	81	28	68	84	80
Education	128	13	86	65	94	189	261
All other gifts	140	143	139	146	133	140	148

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

Note that all values have been rounded, and therefore some rounded values equal zero. When data are not reported or are not applicable (i.e., missing values), values are set to zero. Note also that some data are likely to have large sampling errors.