

Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1996-97

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	104,894	20,711	25,059	36,635	22,488
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes 1/.....	\$38,983	\$42,025	\$38,603	\$35,631	\$42,125
Income after taxes 1/.....	35,787	38,887	35,416	33,082	37,855
Age of reference person.....	47.7	48.1	48.8	47.7	46.2
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons.....	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6
Children under 18.....	.7	.6	.7	.7	.8
Persons 65 and over.....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners.....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles.....	1.9	1.5	2.1	1.9	2.0
Percent distribution:					
Sex of reference person:					
Male.....	60	58	62	59	59
Female.....	40	42	38	41	41
Housing tenure:					
Homeowner.....	64	59	69	66	58
With mortgage.....	38	35	39	38	38
Without mortgage.....	26	25	29	28	20
Renter.....	36	41	31	34	42
Race of reference person:					
Black.....	12	11	10	18	4
White and other.....	88	89	90	82	96
Education of reference person:					
Elementary (1-8).....	8	7	7	9	7
High school (9-12).....	40	43	43	41	33
College.....	52	49	50	49	59
Never attended and other.....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
At least one vehicle owned.....	85	76	87	88	87
Average annual expenditures.....	\$34,312	\$35,131	\$33,410	\$32,547	\$37,413
Food.....	4,750	5,150	4,656	4,429	4,998
Food at home.....	2,878	2,995	2,783	2,749	3,078
Cereals and bakery products.....	450	497	446	416	467
Cereals and cereal products.....	164	178	158	151	177
Bakery products.....	287	319	288	265	290
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	740	794	674	747	753
Beef.....	219	212	206	229	226
Pork.....	157	143	158	173	145
Other meats.....	98	115	101	89	91
Poultry.....	145	178	120	141	146
Fish and seafood.....	88	110	62	83	105
Eggs.....	33	34	27	32	41
Dairy products.....	313	334	314	282	339
Fresh milk and cream.....	130	132	133	120	141
Other dairy products.....	183	202	181	162	198

Fruits and vegetables.....	483	534	446	437	549
Fresh fruits.....	152	168	148	130	176
Fresh vegetables.....	145	167	126	127	174
Processed fruits.....	106	122	97	95	117
Processed vegetables.....	80	78	73	85	81
Other food at home.....	892	836	904	867	971
Sugar and other sweets.....	114	112	116	111	119
Fats and oils.....	82	87	76	81	85
Miscellaneous foods.....	397	350	406	383	452
Nonalcoholic beverages.....	248	238	253	249	251
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips.....	50	48	52	42	64
Food away from home.....	1,872	2,155	1,872	1,680	1,920
Alcoholic beverages.....	309	366	308	251	350
Housing.....	11,011	12,155	10,283	9,819	12,706
Shelter.....	6,205	7,373	5,555	5,042	7,746
Owned dwellings.....	3,859	4,544	3,698	3,108	4,632
Mortgage interest and charges.....	2,170	2,236	1,907	1,790	3,022
Property taxes.....	955	1,533	1,100	626	799
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses.....	734	775	692	692	811
Rented dwellings.....	1,924	2,308	1,443	1,598	2,636
Other lodging.....	422	521	413	337	478
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	2,380	2,455	2,422	2,456	2,140
Natural gas.....	296	388	438	186	233
Electricity.....	908	835	836	1,105	734
Fuel oil and other fuels.....	108	257	113	59	45
Telephone services.....	791	774	765	818	791
Water and other public services.....	277	201	270	288	337
Household operations.....	535	494	460	526	672
Personal services.....	261	240	248	243	322
Other household expenses.....	275	254	212	283	350
Housekeeping supplies.....	459	437	475	421	522
Laundry and cleaning supplies.....	117	111	121	116	122
Other household products.....	208	201	213	198	223
Postage and stationery.....	134	126	141	108	177
Household furnishings and equipment.....	1,432	1,396	1,371	1,374	1,625
Household textiles.....	78	78	76	71	90
Furniture.....	354	343	330	360	381
Floor coverings.....	89	92	88	70	119
Major appliances.....	166	150	165	172	171
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares Miscellaneous household equipment.....	88	79	82	86	107
Miscellaneous household equipment.....	657	654	630	616	757
Apparel and services.....	1,740	1,909	1,742	1,637	1,750
Men and boys.....	415	437	434	382	427
Men, 16 and over.....	326	347	339	295	344
Boys, 2 to 15.....	88	90	95	87	82
Women and girls.....	699	763	732	641	695
Women, 16 and over.....	591	663	613	537	586
Girls, 2 to 15.....	108	101	120	104	109
Children under 2.....	80	77	74	74	97
Footwear.....	307	321	307	313	282
Other apparel products and services.....	240	311	194	226	250
Transportation.....	6,420	5,720	6,227	6,704	6,815
Vehicle purchases (net outlay).....	2,775	2,042	2,672	3,262	2,772
Cars and trucks, new.....	1,219	1,020	1,076	1,553	1,018
Cars and trucks, used.....	1,515	1,006	1,571	1,668	1,675
Other vehicles.....	41	3/15	25	41	80
Gasoline and motor oil.....	1,090	945	1,101	1,134	1,138

Other vehicle expenses.....	2,145	2,147	2,082	2,029	2,401
Vehicle finance charges.....	284	203	293	339	259
Maintenance and repairs.....	664	576	650	651	781
Vehicle insurance.....	726	787	670	709	761
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges.....	471	581	468	330	599
Public transportation.....	410	586	372	279	504
Health care.....	1,806	1,656	1,871	1,907	1,706
Health insurance.....	854	833	898	915	727
Medical services.....	537	484	535	525	610
Drugs.....	312	236	330	368	269
Medical supplies.....	103	103	108	99	101
Entertainment.....	1,824	1,758	1,882	1,694	2,029
Fees and admissions.....	465	520	460	382	556
Television, radios, sound equipment.....	569	567	546	567	600
Pets, toys, and playground equipment.....	331	314	329	327	355
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services.....	459	357	547	419	518
Personal care products and services.....	520	507	513	526	532
Reading.....	161	189	169	133	175
Education.....	547	698	524	449	594
Tobacco products and smoking supplies.....	259	249	295	271	209
Miscellaneous.....	851	865	833	799	942
Cash contributions.....	971	756	1,004	1,042	1,017
Personal insurance and pensions.....	3,142	3,154	3,104	2,887	3,591
Life and other personal insurance.....	366	369	362	401	310
Pensions and Social Security.....	2,776	2,785	2,741	2,486	3,280
Sources of income and personal taxes: 1/					
Money income before taxes.....	38,983	42,025	38,603	35,631	42,125
Wages and salaries.....	30,547	33,588	30,571	27,750	32,405
Self-employment income.....	2,141	2,051	1,986	1,646	3,149
Social Security, private and government retirement.....	4,434	4,540	4,502	4,601	4,013
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income.....	792	738	743	609	1,174
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits.....	209	237	157	181	284
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps.....	409	428	307	399	514
Regular contributions for support.....	268	257	201	294	306
Other income.....	183	186	136	149	281
Personal taxes.....	3,196	3,138	3,187	2,548	4,270
Federal income taxes.....	2,420	2,181	2,303	2,044	3,327
State and local income taxes.....	655	805	742	409	829
Other taxes.....	121	152	143	95	115
Income after taxes.....	35,787	38,887	35,416	33,082	37,855
Addenda:					
Net change in total assets and liabilities....	-283	2,004	4	-977	-1,580
Net change in total assets.....	4,973	6,374	4,249	3,969	6,127
Net change in total liabilities.....	5,256	4,370	4,245	4,946	7,707
Other financial information:					

Other money receipts.....	384	258	416	334	547
Mortgage principal paid on owned property...	-1,006	-1,068	-1,053	-845	-1,159
Estimated market value of owned home.....	74,835	83,810	69,871	58,155	99,273
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	521	568	514	451	598
Gifts of goods and services.....	1,089	1,168	1,108	986	1,162
Food.....	65	78	63	60	63
Housing.....	276	287	278	257	296
Housekeeping supplies.....	39	41	45	32	39
Household textiles.....	8	9	8	7	9
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares...	29	31	31	27	27
Major appliances.....	7	10	6	6	8
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares.....	22	21	25	22	19
Miscellaneous household equipment.....	73	74	73	66	86
Other housing.....	128	132	121	124	136
Apparel and services.....	274	272	272	271	283
Males, 2 and over.....	70	76	78	63	64
Females, 2 and over.....	90	89	95	85	93
Children under 2.....	37	38	36	30	46
Other apparel products and services.....	78	70	62	93	79
Jewelry and watches.....	46	37	32	58	52
All other apparel products and services.	31	32	30	35	27
Transportation.....	58	45	57	53	82
Health care.....	36	45	31	24	55
Entertainment.....	104	105	114	94	110
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles.....	40	37	50	35	41
Other entertainment.....	64	69	64	58	69
Education.....	142	196	161	108	124
All other gifts.....	133	139	132	120	148

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- 1/ Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary.  
2/ Value less than 0.5.  
3/ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.