

Table 22. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2004-2005

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Cleveland	St. Louis
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	26,767	3,189	2,123	1,293	1,161	1,075
Consumer unit characteristics:						
Income before taxes	\$55,215	\$67,726	\$66,189	\$78,388	\$51,602	\$61,535
Age of reference person	48.8	50.1	48.7	47.1	50.8	49.0
Average number in consumer unit:						
Persons	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.4	2.4
Children under 186	.7	.8	.5	.6	.7
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2
Earners	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.4	1.8	2.1
Percent homeowner	72	73	78	75	74	73
Average annual expenditures	\$44,322	\$54,935	\$51,219	\$58,900	\$38,476	\$48,365
Food	5,672	6,456	6,780	6,850	4,526	6,266
Food at home	3,210	3,453	3,965	3,567	2,788	3,452
Cereals and bakery products	450	473	545	493	391	494
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	747	815	1,047	713	726	854
Dairy products	374	365	405	458	320	395
Fruits and vegetables	514	609	635	600	455	536
Other food at home	1,126	1,192	1,333	1,303	896	1,173
Food away from home	2,462	3,002	2,815	3,282	1,738	2,814
Alcoholic beverages	443	581	380	750	435	738
Housing	13,852	18,962	16,490	19,341	13,349	14,409
Shelter	7,665	11,440	9,656	11,245	7,560	7,620
Owned dwellings	5,527	8,510	7,389	8,463	5,333	5,568
Rented dwellings	1,608	2,138	1,462	1,896	1,613	1,494
Other lodging	530	792	805	886	614	558
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,064	3,541	3,511	3,070	3,412	3,251
Household operations	734	1,063	864	1,126	434	921
Housekeeping supplies	640	792	568	810	570	581
Household furnishings and equipment	1,749	2,124	1,890	3,090	1,373	2,035
Apparel and services	1,711	2,318	2,251	2,472	1,156	2,015
Transportation	7,795	8,875	9,246	8,550	6,095	8,649
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,259	4,013	2,914	3,140	2,056	4,095
Gasoline and motor oil	1,801	1,754	2,129	1,853	1,449	1,853
Other vehicle expenses	2,365	2,464	3,759	2,826	2,328	2,287
Public transportation	371	644	444	731	263	415
Healthcare	2,859	2,933	2,261	3,100	2,600	2,980
Entertainment	2,293	2,629	2,619	3,656	2,213	2,477
Personal care products and services	539	664	568	700	439	563
Reading	141	162	149	179	147	127
Education	951	1,456	1,140	1,296	719	1,370
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	356	346	480	346	364	348
Miscellaneous	821	920	895	1,177	926	699
Cash contributions	1,828	2,969	1,528	2,275	1,027	2,177
Personal insurance and pensions	5,058	5,665	6,430	8,210	4,478	5,546
Life and other personal insurance	411	384	451	414	294	555
Pensions and Social Security	4,648	5,282	5,979	7,796	4,184	4,991