

Table 4. Size of consumer unit: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997

Item	All consumer units	One person	Two or more persons	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five or more persons
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	105,576	30,330	75,246	32,491	16,558	15,412	10,785
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes ¹	\$39,926	\$22,174	\$47,172	\$43,003	\$47,628	\$54,619	\$48,449
Income after taxes ¹	36,684	20,163	43,429	39,146	43,848	50,707	45,345
Age of reference person	47.7	50.1	46.8	53.2	43.8	40.6	40.5
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	2.5	1.0	3.1	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.6
Children under 187	n.a.	1.0	.1	.8	1.7	2.9
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.5	.2	.1	.1
Earners	1.3	.6	1.6	1.2	1.8	2.0	2.2
Vehicles	2.0	1.0	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.5
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male	59	42	66	67	60	68	67
Female	41	58	34	33	40	32	33
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner	64	45	71	74	67	74	67
With mortgage	38	19	46	36	48	59	52
Without mortgage	26	26	26	37	19	15	15
Renter	36	55	29	26	33	26	33
Race of reference person:							
Black	12	12	12	8	15	13	17
White and other	88	88	88	92	85	87	83
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	7	9	7	8	6	5	8
High school (9-12)	39	35	41	40	40	40	49
College	53	56	52	52	54	55	42
Never attended and other	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	1
At least one vehicle owned or leased	87	73	92	93	92	92	91
Average annual expenditures	\$34,819	\$20,923	\$40,358	\$36,617	\$40,926	\$45,225	\$43,929
Food	4,801	2,579	5,663	4,886	5,513	6,463	7,177
Food at home	2,880	1,354	3,470	2,787	3,370	4,101	4,860
Cereals and bakery products	453	218	544	423	522	666	781
Cereals and cereal products	161	72	196	142	186	243	311
Bakery products	292	146	348	281	336	423	470
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	743	309	911	717	877	1,056	1,361
Beef	224	88	276	211	264	326	428
Pork	157	65	193	156	182	218	289
Other meats	96	42	117	88	117	138	179
Poultry	145	61	177	137	175	213	257
Fish and seafood	89	37	108	94	103	120	146
Eggs	33	15	39	33	37	41	61
Dairy products	314	152	376	294	361	461	537
Fresh milk and cream	128	60	155	115	144	190	243
Other dairy products	186	92	222	178	217	270	294
Fruits and vegetables	476	245	565	486	542	629	753
Fresh fruits	150	83	176	159	158	194	235
Fresh vegetables	143	72	170	151	177	172	218
Processed fruits	102	56	120	98	115	145	162
Processed vegetables	80	34	98	79	92	118	137

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Other food at home	\$895	\$430	\$1,075	\$867	\$1,066	\$1,289	\$1,428
Sugar and other sweets	114	52	138	116	125	166	188
Fats and oils	81	37	98	83	92	110	136
Miscellaneous foods	403	194	484	362	505	601	663
Nonalcoholic beverages	245	120	293	243	280	348	389
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	52	26	62	63	64	65	52
Food away from home	1,921	1,225	2,193	2,099	2,144	2,362	2,318
Alcoholic beverages	309	246	334	405	289	285	255
Housing	11,272	7,586	12,750	11,541	12,896	14,346	13,890
Shelter	6,344	4,742	6,990	6,249	7,183	7,885	7,645
Owned dwellings	3,935	2,003	4,713	4,044	4,637	5,789	5,311
Mortgage interest and charges	2,225	941	2,743	2,031	2,806	3,634	3,518
Property taxes	971	550	1,141	1,113	1,105	1,260	1,110
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	738	512	830	900	727	895	684
Rented dwellings	1,983	2,512	1,770	1,650	2,025	1,586	2,005
Other lodging	426	227	506	555	521	510	329
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,412	1,563	2,755	2,458	2,808	3,035	3,168
Natural gas	301	197	343	311	338	373	402
Electricity	909	555	1,051	942	1,066	1,155	1,210
Fuel oil and other fuels	108	66	124	119	127	137	120
Telephone services	809	583	900	789	954	995	1,016
Water and other public services	286	161	336	296	323	375	420
Household operations	548	265	663	447	735	986	738
Personal services	263	57	346	86	460	648	524
Other household expenses	285	208	316	361	275	337	215
Housekeeping supplies	455	222	545	496	529	664	552
Laundry and cleaning supplies	116	48	142	112	145	175	185
Other household products	210	96	254	230	232	331	254
Postage and stationery	129	78	149	154	152	158	113
Household furnishings and equipment	1,512	794	1,798	1,892	1,641	1,776	1,788
Household textiles	79	44	93	100	83	96	85
Furniture	387	220	455	478	385	496	435
Floor coverings	78	29	97	141	76	59	49
Major appliances	169	84	203	217	184	200	199
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	92	56	106	99	106	135	85
Miscellaneous household equipment	707	361	844	857	807	791	935
Apparel and services	1,729	866	2,065	1,703	2,053	2,420	2,695
Men and boys	407	197	489	352	533	607	671
Men, 16 and over	323	185	377	323	428	424	395
Boys, 2 to 15	84	12	112	30	105	183	276
Women and girls	680	382	797	705	793	905	926
Women, 16 and over	574	366	655	670	661	643	617
Girls, 2 to 15	106	16	142	35	132	262	309
Children under 2	77	11	103	44	139	149	161
Footwear	315	162	373	294	344	483	511
Other apparel products and services	250	113	303	308	243	276	426
Transportation	6,457	3,239	7,753	6,860	8,223	8,856	8,147
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,736	1,244	3,337	2,958	3,588	3,788	3,449
Cars and trucks, new	1,229	650	1,462	1,493	1,489	1,619	1,107
Cars and trucks, used	1,464	578	1,820	1,400	2,061	2,121	2,290
Other vehicles	43	17	54	65	339	49	353
Gasoline and motor oil	1,098	567	1,311	1,116	1,364	1,512	1,532

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Other vehicle expenses	\$2,230	\$1,148	\$2,666	\$2,319	\$2,814	\$3,146	\$2,799
Vehicle finance charges	293	100	370	305	416	411	440
Maintenance and repairs	682	391	798	691	798	965	883
Vehicle insurance	755	417	891	790	961	1,019	906
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	501	239	607	533	640	751	571
Public transportation	393	280	439	467	457	410	367
Health care	1,841	1,249	2,078	2,301	1,915	1,938	1,857
Health insurance	881	575	1,005	1,160	939	884	812
Medical services	531	369	596	548	583	666	664
Drugs	320	240	352	458	280	269	263
Medical supplies	108	65	125	136	113	119	118
Entertainment	1,813	1,011	2,133	1,969	2,118	2,462	2,191
Fees and admissions	471	296	541	468	517	698	575
Television, radios, sound equipment	577	394	651	563	669	770	718
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	327	166	389	354	379	442	440
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	439	155	552	583	553	553	459
Personal care products and services	528	305	616	573	631	654	668
Reading	164	125	179	197	171	181	136
Education	571	447	620	421	743	830	736
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	264	169	302	266	339	303	350
Miscellaneous	847	694	909	871	1,085	841	845
Cash contributions	1,001	811	1,077	1,242	927	980	951
Personal insurance and pensions	3,223	1,597	3,879	3,381	4,024	4,665	4,031
Life and other personal insurance	379	170	463	431	474	543	426
Pensions and Social Security	2,844	1,427	3,416	2,950	3,550	4,122	3,605
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹							
Money income before taxes	39,926	22,174	47,172	43,003	47,628	54,619	48,449
Wages and salaries	31,506	15,230	38,150	30,785	40,565	48,939	41,347
Self-employment income	1,969	890	2,410	2,188	2,234	2,475	3,257
Social Security, private and government retirement	4,531	4,400	4,584	7,925	2,947	1,496	1,359
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	822	760	847	1,263	667	516	334
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	206	163	224	187	216	248	312
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	382	203	455	260	471	430	1,060
Regular contributions for support	293	285	297	182	359	355	465
Other income	217	243	206	212	169	159	314
Personal taxes	3,241	2,011	3,744	3,857	3,780	3,912	3,104
Federal income taxes	2,468	1,537	2,848	3,009	2,929	2,824	2,269
State and local income taxes	645	400	745	686	727	925	689
Other taxes	129	74	151	161	124	163	146
Income after taxes	36,684	20,163	43,429	39,146	43,848	50,707	45,345

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Addenda:							
Net change in total assets and liabilities	\$1,105	\$-991	\$1,949	\$1,455	\$4,466	\$1,514	\$198
Net change in total assets	5,886	1,051	7,835	6,917	10,338	9,286	4,684
Net change in total liabilities	4,781	2,042	5,885	5,462	5,872	7,772	4,486
Other financial information:							
Other money receipts	458	347	503	543	463	617	281
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-1,051	-441	-1,297	-1,014	-1,334	-1,677	-1,550
Estimated market value of owned home	76,480	42,908	90,012	89,884	84,470	96,194	90,071
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	538	324	624	623	583	676	612
Gifts of goods and services	1,059	837	1,147	1,291	1,294	899	835
Food	68	42	78	86	98	60	47
Housing	273	209	299	301	343	294	227
Housekeeping supplies	37	29	40	44	33	45	30
Household textiles	8	8	8	11	7	6	6
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares	27	23	29	33	25	31	20
Major appliances	6	6	6	7	5	8	5
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	21	17	22	26	20	23	15
Miscellaneous household equipment	66	45	74	87	87	61	35
Other housing	135	104	147	127	192	151	136
Apparel and services	252	158	289	319	293	220	285
Males, 2 and over	61	39	70	79	72	56	59
Females, 2 and over	81	56	91	105	83	70	87
Children under 2	33	11	41	37	40	47	44
Other apparel products and services	77	52	87	98	98	47	94
Jewelry and watches	49	27	57	55	75	25	³ 79
All other apparel products and services	29	24	30	43	23	22	³ 15
Transportation	57	45	61	84	74	27	24
Health care	30	36	28	31	21	40	13
Entertainment	99	91	102	119	106	75	82
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	41	27	46	54	48	34	39
Other entertainment	58	64	56	65	58	41	43
Education	155	114	172	192	248	113	82
All other gifts	125	142	118	158	111	69	75

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.
n.a. Not applicable