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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	108,465	11,965	19,585	9,810	21,647	35,123	10,336
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes ¹	\$43,951	\$16,231	\$30,236	\$22,281	\$40,719	\$61,923	\$68,409
Income after taxes ¹	40,652	15,509	27,190	21,645	38,186	56,989	63,215
Age of reference person	47.9	68.9	40.4	65.4	45.7	42.0	45.8
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	2.5	1.0	1.0	2.3	3.0	3.1	4.4
Children under 18 .....	.7	n.a.	n.a.	.4	1.1	.9	1.2
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.7	.1	1.3	.3	.1	.1
Earners	1.3	n.a.	1.0	n.a.	1.0	2.0	3.3
Vehicles	1.9	.8	1.1	1.8	1.9	2.4	3.2
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male	55	29	51	62	51	64	65
Female	45	71	49	38	49	36	35
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner	65	63	41	75	65	73	79
With mortgage	38	9	24	16	38	55	60
Without mortgage	27	54	16	58	27	17	19
Renter	35	37	59	25	35	27	21
Race of reference person:							
Black	12	10	12	12	16	11	10
White and other	88	90	88	88	84	89	90
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	6	16	2	13	7	3	6
High school (9-12)	39	47	27	49	44	36	41
College	55	37	71	37	49	61	53
Never attended and other	(²)	(²)	(²)	1	(²)	(²)	(²)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	87	66	79	85	89	95	96
Average annual expenditures	\$36,995	\$17,272	\$25,497	\$27,645	\$36,459	\$47,785	\$54,698
Food							
Food at home	5,031	2,084	3,056	4,154	5,342	6,307	7,895
Cereals and bakery products	2,915	1,452	1,447	2,790	3,271	3,566	4,487
Cereals and cereal products	448	241	211	439	505	548	677
Bakery products	160	81	68	153	184	198	247
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	288	160	142	286	321	350	430
Beef	749	342	338	734	854	918	1,201
Pork	220	94	90	202	248	280	363
Other meats	157	67	67	165	180	191	253
Poultry	97	51	45	90	116	116	152
Fish and seafood	136	64	62	127	153	166	229
Eggs	106	48	59	114	118	128	155
Dairy products	32	17	16	36	39	37	50
Dairy products	322	163	151	308	368	396	493
Fresh milk and cream	122	67	52	114	144	147	195
Other dairy products	200	96	99	194	224	249	298
Fruits and vegetables	500	283	252	529	560	589	754
Fresh fruits	152	93	80	166	171	175	229
Fresh vegetables	149	80	74	163	166	175	229
Processed fruits	113	64	57	116	128	136	161
Processed vegetables	86	46	40	85	95	104	135

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Other food at home	\$896	\$424	\$496	\$780	\$985	\$1,115	\$1,361
Sugar and other sweets	112	58	56	110	129	133	168
Fats and oils	84	41	42	87	95	101	121
Miscellaneous foods	420	205	232	333	458	536	618
Nonalcoholic beverages	242	109	140	209	262	297	387
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	39	11	25	40	40	49	67
Food away from home	2,116	632	1,609	1,365	2,071	2,742	3,408
Alcoholic beverages	318	118	389	195	245	401	385
Housing	12,057	7,024	8,929	9,105	12,484	15,044	15,534
Shelter	7,016	3,745	5,995	4,676	7,125	8,779	8,737
Owned dwellings	4,525	1,879	2,568	2,854	4,620	6,369	6,413
Mortgage interest and charges	2,547	312	1,427	795	2,532	4,040	3,878
Property taxes	1,123	890	634	1,031	1,116	1,390	1,519
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	854	677	507	1,028	972	938	1,017
Rented dwellings	2,027	1,655	3,043	1,371	2,043	1,873	1,639
Other lodging	465	211	383	451	462	537	685
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,377	1,578	1,535	2,295	2,555	2,759	3,310
Natural gas	270	220	162	271	279	308	387
Electricity	899	615	537	938	1,000	1,029	1,226
Fuel oil and other fuels	74	64	33	95	77	87	97
Telephone services	849	483	658	687	897	994	1,194
Water and other public services	285	197	145	305	302	340	406
Household operations	666	870	224	446	664	922	611
Personal services	323	486	13	113	323	524	235
Other household expenses	343	384	211	333	341	398	376
Housekeeping supplies	498	258	225	477	536	639	734
Laundry and cleaning supplies	121	60	53	123	144	142	201
Other household products	250	122	96	233	262	335	376
Postage and stationery	127	76	77	120	130	163	157
Household furnishings and equipment	1,499	573	950	1,211	1,605	1,944	2,142
Household textiles	114	46	83	86	109	146	180
Furniture	365	124	243	198	460	488	418
Floor coverings	44	21	20	64	47	56	44
Major appliances	183	89	122	222	160	227	271
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	102	90	56	84	102	125	136
Miscellaneous household equipment	692	203	425	557	727	902	1,093
Apparel and services	1,743	718	1,066	1,136	1,849	2,254	2,784
Men and boys	421	64	244	300	418	565	794
Men, 16 and over	328	57	232	251	288	421	661
Boys, 2 to 15	93	7	12	49	131	143	133
Women and girls	655	252	390	478	726	854	947
Women, 16 and over	548	244	380	429	550	699	793
Girls, 2 to 15	107	8	10	48	176	155	154
Children under 2	67	38	12	32	102	100	83
Footwear	303	86	165	178	346	389	547
Other apparel products and services	297	308	256	148	257	347	414
Transportation	7,011	2,170	4,370	4,999	6,427	9,603	11,947
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,305	860	1,902	2,351	2,954	4,771	5,457
Cars and trucks, new	1,628	600	847	1,480	1,488	2,238	2,657
Cars and trucks, used	1,641	259	1,015	870	1,443	2,469	2,765
Other vehicles	36	31	340	(⁴)	23	64	36
Gasoline and motor oil	1,055	355	693	730	1,044	1,358	1,852

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Other vehicle expenses	\$2,254	\$773	\$1,485	\$1,541	\$2,041	\$2,972	\$4,109
Vehicle finance charges	320	44	167	124	270	489	649
Maintenance and repairs	664	271	450	555	627	808	1,218
Vehicle insurance	756	334	487	596	712	924	1,429
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	513	123	381	267	431	750	812
Public transportation	397	182	291	377	389	502	529
Health care	1,959	1,928	974	3,160	2,098	1,994	2,312
Health insurance	923	944	412	1,576	974	944	1,066
Medical services	558	415	304	664	612	636	722
Drugs	370	475	200	753	409	303	356
Medical supplies	109	94	58	167	103	111	168
Entertainment	1,891	701	1,248	1,494	2,030	2,469	2,590
Fees and admissions	459	134	365	390	463	579	657
Television, radios, sound equipment	608	316	476	440	619	739	887
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	346	131	218	195	370	481	461
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	478	120	190	469	578	671	585
Personal care products and services	408	217	277	306	409	504	637
Reading	159	108	131	150	149	189	200
Education	635	152	586	200	546	789	1,357
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	300	147	214	186	317	365	494
Miscellaneous	867	767	600	658	757	1,050	1,290
Cash contributions	1,181	1,020	1,008	1,544	844	1,370	1,411
Personal insurance and pensions	3,436	117	2,649	357	2,960	5,446	5,861
Life and other personal insurance	394	109	148	324	449	509	756
Pensions and Social Security	3,042	³⁸	2,501	³³³	2,511	4,937	5,105
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹							
Money income before taxes	43,951	16,231	30,236	22,273	40,719	61,923	68,409
Wages and salaries	34,456	³¹⁹	26,071	³⁸	29,392	55,049	62,452
Self-employment income	2,603	(⁴)	1,631	(⁴)	3,820	3,888	3,051
Social Security, private and government retirement	4,798	11,378	1,219	19,062	5,149	1,611	1,445
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,104	3,895	618	1,720	919	611	449
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	177	202	94	135	218	185	238
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	320	382	36	985	588	164	185
Regular contributions for support	262	235	204	298	396	227	218
Other income	230	119	363	64	238	187	373
Personal taxes	3,299	721	3,046	637	2,533	4,934	5,195
Federal income taxes	2,513	432	2,369	325	1,872	3,843	3,969
State and local income taxes	616	115	586	48	506	919	958
Other taxes	170	174	91	264	155	171	267
Income after taxes	40,652	15,509	27,190	21,645	38,186	56,989	63,215

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Addenda:							
Net change in total assets and liabilities	\$142	\$1,107	\$984	\$120	-\$1,537	-\$123	\$1,866
Net change in total assets	6,478	1,499	5,377	1,743	4,969	10,638	7,846
Net change in total liabilities	6,336	392	4,393	1,624	6,506	10,762	5,979
Other financial information:							
Other money receipts	651	260	1,463	495	541	525	376
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-1,366	-200	-736	-2,148	-1,186	-1,815	-2,023
Estimated market value of owned home	87,582	66,384	44,983	89,739	90,509	108,749	112,737
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home ..	592	464	349	606	601	710	766
Gifts of goods and services	1,083	594	928	784	1,045	1,346	1,413
Food	83	29	47	16	101	115	128
Housing	292	171	219	191	281	387	360
Housekeeping supplies	41	20	28	36	37	54	55
Household textiles	17	12	25	10	9	18	24
Appliances and miscellaneous							
housewares	32	23	17	29	39	43	25
Major appliances	9	³ 14	8	4	10	9	5
Small appliances and miscellaneous							
housewares	24	10	9	25	29	34	20
Miscellaneous household equipment	66	32	56	54	70	79	85
Other housing	136	83	94	62	126	194	171
Apparel and services	210	83	201	209	225	224	293
Males, 2 and over	54	15	32	70	45	67	98
Females, 2 and over	71	40	58	68	89	76	80
Children under 2	33	8	12	26	43	44	51
Other apparel products and services	52	20	99	45	48	37	64
Jewelry and watches	27	10	79	11	15	16	21
All other apparel products and services	25	³ 10	20	34	33	21	43
Transportation	63	21	61	38	47	84	102
Health care	40	112	30	38	37	29	25
Entertainment	98	41	104	74	105	110	125
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	32	16	25	25	34	40	35
Other entertainment	66	25	78	49	71	69	90
Education	166	³ 22	122	112	117	267	228
All other gifts	131	115	144	106	131	130	151

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.
⁴ No data reported.
n.a. Not applicable.