

Table 1500. Composition of consumer unit: Shares of average annual expenditures and sources of income, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997

Item	Husband and wife consumer units										
	Total	husband	wife	husband and wife with children	husband and wife only	husband and wife with children	husband and wife only	husband and wife with children	husband and wife only	husband and wife with children	Single person and other
				Total	Oldest child under 6	Oldest child 6 to 17	Oldest child 18 or over	at least one child under 18			
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	55,205	22,531	28,382	5,431	15,360	7,591	4,291	6,626	43,745		
Consumer unit characteristics:											
Income before taxes 1/.....	\$52,981	\$47,475	\$57,598	\$57,063	\$56,673	\$59,938	\$51,038	\$24,185	\$25,811		
Income after taxes 1/.....	48,619	42,995	53,175	51,775	52,392	55,879	47,714	22,652	23,727		
Age of reference person.....	48.2	56.6	41.5	32.0	39.9	51.4	47.9	36.8	48.9		
Average number in consumer unit:											
Persons.....	3.2	2.0	4.0	3.5	4.2	3.9	4.8	3.0	1.6		

Children under 18.....	.9	n.a.	1.6	1.5	2.2	.6	1.4	1.8	.2
Persons 65 and over.....	.3	.7	.1	(2)	(2)	.2	.5	(2)	.3
Earners.....	1.7	1.2	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.6	2.3	1.0	.9
Vehicles.....	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.2	2.6	3.4	2.7	1.2	1.3
Percent distribution:									
Sex of reference person:									
Male.....	78	81	77	73	77	81	75	14	41
Female.....	22	19	23	27	23	19	25	86	59
Housing tenure:									
Homeowner.....	80	83	78	66	77	88	75	37	47
With mortgage.....	52	39	62	57	66	58	49	30	22
Without mortgage.....	28	44	16	8	11	31	26	7	25
Renter.....	20	17	22	34	23	12	25	63	53
Race of reference person:									
Black.....	7	4	8	8	8	8	19	32	15
White and other.....	93	96	92	92	92	92	81	68	85
Education of reference person:									
Elementary (1-8).....	7	8	5	2	4	9	11	5	9
High school (9-12).....	39	39	38	33	38	42	48	46	39
College.....	54	53	57	65	58	49	40	49	52
Never attended and other.....	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(4)	1	(3)	(3)	(3)
At least one vehicle owned or leased.....	96	96	96	95	97	96	94	76	77
Average annual expenditures.....	\$44,101	\$39,515	\$47,716	\$45,723	\$47,124	\$50,485	\$44,311	\$26,352	\$24,160
Food.....	13.8	13.3	13.9	12.3	14.4	14.2	15.9	15.4	13.1
Food at home.....	8.4	7.6	8.6	8.0	8.8	8.6	10.6	10.5	7.4

Shelter.....	17.0	16.5	17.5	19.1	18.4	14.6	15.7	20.9	20.8
Owned dwellings.....	12.5	11.9	13.2	13.8	14.0	11.2	10.4	8.9	9.1
Mortgage interest and charges.....	7.3	5.8	8.4	9.6	9.0	6.3	6.5	5.8	4.4
Property taxes.....	3.0	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.4	1.9	2.4
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses.....	2.2	2.7	1.9	1.5	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.2	2.2
Rented dwellings.....	3.1	2.9	3.0	4.8	3.2	1.7	4.3	11.3	10.8
Other lodging.....	1.4	1.7	1.3	.6	1.2	1.7	1.0	.7	.9
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	6.5	6.5	6.4	5.6	6.5	6.7	7.5	8.6	7.6
Natural gas.....	.8	.8	.8	.7	.8	.8	.8	1.1	1.0
Electricity.....	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.4	2.7
Fuel oil and other fuels.....	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.4	.3	.2	.3
Telephone services.....	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.5	3.1	2.8
Water and other public services.....	.8	.8	.8	.7	.8	.9	1.0	.8	.8
Household operations.....	1.6	1.1	2.0	4.7	1.8	.7	1.6	2.5	1.3
Personal services.....	.8	.1	1.3	4.0	1.0	.1	1.0	1.9	.4
Other household expenses.....	.8	1.0	.7	.7	.7	.6	.6	.7	.9
Housekeeping supplies.....	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.1
Laundry and cleaning supplies.....	.3	.3	.4	.3	.4	.3	.4	.5	.3
Other household products.....	.7	.7	.7	.7	.6	.7	.6	.5	.5
Postage and stationery.....	.4	.4	.3	.4	.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Household furnishings and equipment.....	4.6	5.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	5.0	4.0	3.8
Household textiles.....	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Furniture.....	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.1	.8	1.4	1.1	1.0
Floor coverings.....	.3	.5	.1	.2	.1	.1	.2	.2	.1
Major appliances.....	.5	.6	.4	.5	.4	.4	.5	.4	.5
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3
Miscellaneous household equipment.....	2.1	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.4	1.9	1.8
Apparel and services.....	5.0	4.6	5.3	4.9	5.7	5.0	5.2	5.8	4.5
Men and boys.....	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.0

Men, 16 and over.....	1.0	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	1.1	.9	.4	.9
Boys, 2 to 15.....	.3	.1	.4	.2	.6	.1	.4	.8	.1
Women and girls.....	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.4	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.4	1.9
Women, 16 and over.....	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Girls, 2 to 15.....	.3	.1	.5	.3	.8	.2	.3	.8	.1
Children under 2.....	.3	.1	.3	1.1	.2	.1	.4	.4	.1
Footwear.....	.9	.8	1.0	.7	1.1	.9	.8	1.2	.9
Other apparel products and services.....	.7	.8	.7	.5	.7	.9	.7	.6	.7
Transportation.....	19.2	18.6	19.5	20.6	17.9	21.9	19.4	15.9	17.7
Vehicle purchases (net outlay).....	8.1	8.0	8.3	10.2	7.3	9.0	7.8	6.6	7.5
Cars and trucks, new.....	3.8	4.3	3.6	4.8	3.3	3.3	2.6	2.6	3.2
Cars and trucks, used.....	4.3	3.5	4.6	5.3	3.9	5.6	5.1	3.8	4.1
Other vehicles.....	.1	5/.1	.1	5/.1	5/.1	(2)	5/.2	5/.2	.2
Gasoline and motor oil.....	3.2	3.0	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.8	3.7	2.9	3.0
Other vehicle expenses.....	6.7	6.2	6.9	6.6	6.5	7.9	6.9	5.6	6.0
Vehicle finance charges.....	.9	.8	1.0	1.1	.9	1.1	1.0	.8	.7
Maintenance and repairs.....	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9
Vehicle insurance.....	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.4	1.8	2.2
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges.....	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.2
Public transportation.....	1.1	1.3	1.0	.9	.9	1.2	1.0	.9	1.2
Health care.....	5.3	6.8	4.4	3.7	4.3	5.0	5.4	4.2	5.4
Health insurance.....	2.6	3.5	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.6	1.8	2.5
Medical services.....	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.6
Drugs.....	.9	1.4	.5	.4	.5	.7	1.0	.7	1.0
Medical supplies.....	.3	.4	.3	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Entertainment.....	5.5	5.6	5.4	4.5	5.7	5.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Fees and admissions.....	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.3
Television, radios, sound equipment.....	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.8

Pets, toys, and playground equipment.....	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	.9	1.1	.8	.8
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services.....	1.5	1.8	1.3	.9	1.3	1.7	.8	.7	.8
Personal care products and services.....	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.5
Reading.....	.5	.6	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3	.3	.5
Education.....	1.6	1.0	1.9	0.6	1.8	3.0	1.3	2.2	1.8
Tobacco products and smoking supplies.....	.7	.6	.6	.5	.6	.7	1.0	.7	1.0
Miscellaneous.....	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.3	1.9	2.4	2.2	3.1	2.9
Cash contributions.....	2.8	3.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.4
Personal insurance and pensions.....	10.1	9.5	10.7	11.2	10.9	10.0	9.1	6.4	7.8
Life and other personal insurance.....	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.2	.7	.8
Pensions and Social Security.....	8.9	8.2	9.5	10.2	9.7	8.8	7.9	5.8	6.9
Sources of income and personal taxes: 1/									
Money income before taxes.....	\$52,981	\$47,475	\$57,598	\$57,063	\$56,673	\$59,938	\$51,038	\$24,185	\$25,811
Wages and salaries.....	81.3	69.2	89.2	94.9	89.8	84.0	80.5	78.0	72.9
Self-employment income.....	5.5	5.6	5.8	3.3	6.5	6.2	2.5	2.6	3.8
Social Security, private and government retirement.....	10.0	20.9	2.6	5/.2	1.2	7.1	11.9	3.2	16.1
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income.....	1.8	3.0	.9	.5	.9	1.1	2.2	1.7	2.9
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits.....	.4	.4	.4	.3	.3	.7	.7	.8	.7
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps.....	.4	.3	.4	.3	.4	.3	1.4	6.9	1.5

Regular contributions for support.....	.3	.1	.4	5/.2	.5	.1	.3	5.8	1.2
Other income.....	.4	.4	.3	.3	.3	.4	.5	.9	.9
Personal taxes.....	8.2	9.4	7.7	9.3	7.6	6.8	6.5	6.3	8.1
Federal income taxes.....	6.3	7.4	5.7	7.0	5.6	5.0	4.9	4.7	6.1
State and local income taxes.....	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.6
Other taxes.....	.3	.4	.3	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Income after taxes.....	91.8	90.6	92.3	90.7	92.4	93.2	93.5	93.7	91.9

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

2/ Value less than 0.05.

3/ Value less than 0.5.

4/ No data reported.

5/ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

n.a. Not applicable.