

Table 22. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2006-2007

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Cleveland
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	27,334	3,224	2,251	1,467	1,155
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes	\$58,688	\$75,463	\$58,414	\$76,772	\$62,104
Age of reference person.....	48.6	49.6	49.3	48.1	53.0
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons.....	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.5
Children under 18.....	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6
Persons 65 and over.....	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Earners.....	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4
Vehicles.....	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.1
Percent homeowner.....	69	71	73	73	68
Average annual expenditures.....					
Food.....	\$46,812	\$57,304	\$48,348	\$60,059	\$47,890
Food at home.....	5,778	7,202	6,550	6,848	5,514
Cereals and bakery products.....	3,256	4,046	3,886	3,845	3,331
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	438	537	579	517	422
Dairy products.....	715	932	871	703	934
Fruits and vegetables.....	370	406	420	475	320
Other food at home.....	538	713	635	731	531
Food away from home.....	1,195	1,457	1,381	1,419	1,125
Alcoholic beverages.....	2,522	3,156	2,663	3,003	2,183
Housing.....	512	801	495	928	401
Shelter.....	15,067	20,238	15,995	20,819	16,602
Owned dwellings.....	8,531	12,612	9,568	11,559	9,719
Rented dwellings.....	6,054	9,043	7,077	8,592	6,269
Other lodging.....	1,848	2,680	1,841	2,222	2,773
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	629	889	650	745	678
Household operations.....	3,303	3,761	3,637	3,294	3,768
Housekeeping supplies.....	891	1,063	602	2,871	775
Household furnishings and equipment.....	613	654	642	562	561
Apparel and services.....	1,730	2,146	1,545	2,533	1,778
Transportation.....	1,828	3,019	1,848	2,193	2,241
Vehicle purchases (net outlay).....	8,159	8,846	8,743	8,694	8,371
Gasoline and motor oil.....	3,070	3,084	2,201	3,689	3,296
Other vehicle expenses.....	2,275	2,322	2,602	2,151	2,177
Public transportation.....	2,386	2,635	3,506	2,204	2,644
Healthcare.....	428	806	433	649	253
Entertainment.....	2,957	3,020	2,307	3,705	3,293
Personal care products and services.....	2,525	2,740	2,441	3,952	2,250
Reading.....	541	662	570	647	571
Education.....	127	130	113	156	154
Tobacco products and smoking supplies.....	1,069	1,644	1,325	1,079	1,010
Miscellaneous.....	360	291	445	320	398
Cash contributions.....	792	837	985	1,149	815
Personal insurance and pensions.....	1,847	1,633	1,500	2,953	1,557
Life and other personal insurance.....	5,247	6,241	5,031	6,615	4,713
Pensions and Social Security.....	346	352	318	283	429
	4,902	5,889	4,713	6,332	4,285

Additional Data Available

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