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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	55,840	23,119	28,055	5,020	15,145	7,890	4,665	6,629	47,871
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes ¹	\$64,383	\$57,498	\$70,157	\$65,555	\$69,041	\$75,374	\$63,539	\$25,908	\$31,594
Income after taxes ¹	60,185	52,994	65,918	61,375	64,774	71,151	61,012	25,273	29,786
Age of reference person	48.3	56.6	41.5	32.2	39.5	51.3	47.9	37.5	49.4
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons	3.2	2.0	3.9	3.5	4.2	3.8	5.0	3.0	1.6
Children under 189	n.a.	1.6	1.5	2.2	.6	1.6	1.8	.2
Persons 65 and over3	.6	.1	(²)	(²)	.2	.4	(²)	.3
Earners	1.7	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.8	2.6	2.4	1.1	1.0
Vehicles	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.2	2.6	3.3	2.9	1.1	1.3
Percent distribution:									
Sex of reference person:									
Male	64	67	62	63	61	65	64	14	42
Female	36	33	38	37	39	35	36	86	58
Housing tenure:									
Homeowner	82	85	80	70	80	86	78	39	52
With mortgage	55	43	64	60	67	62	56	31	24
Without mortgage	27	43	16	10	13	24	22	8	27
Renter	18	15	20	30	20	14	22	61	48
Race of reference person:									
Black	8	5	9	7	9	10	14	33	14
White and other	92	95	91	93	91	90	86	67	86
Education of reference person:									
Elementary (1-8)	5	5	4	2	4	6	12	3	7
High school (9-12)	37	37	35	28	34	41	46	47	39
College	58	58	61	70	62	53	41	50	54
Never attended and other	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	1	1	(³)	(³)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	97	96	97	97	97	97	94	77	79
Average annual expenditures	\$50,822	\$43,948	\$56,284	\$51,365	\$57,178	\$57,830	\$52,591	\$29,634	\$27,564
Food									
Food at home	6,733	5,626	7,452	6,161	7,604	8,062	8,265	5,160	3,616
Cereals and bakery products	3,928	3,146	4,393	3,855	4,399	4,781	5,293	3,243	2,026
Cereals and cereal products	575	442	667	567	682	706	722	508	293
Bakery products	197	141	235	214	238	245	265	199	100
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	378	301	431	353	444	461	457	309	193
Beef	1,060	877	1,138	942	1,119	1,325	1,581	936	527
Pork	323	279	342	262	345	394	453	288	150
Other meats	229	195	240	198	235	284	353	203	110
Poultry	132	102	152	126	152	171	171	109	64
Fish and seafood	191	143	217	205	211	241	287	176	100
Eggs	142	123	143	113	135	182	239	121	78
Dairy products	43	35	44	39	42	52	78	39	25
Fresh milk and cream	423	319	491	449	493	517	562	325	221
Other dairy products	173	121	206	196	206	212	251	134	91
Fruits and vegetables	250	198	285	253	287	305	311	191	130
Fresh fruits	658	554	713	647	697	797	888	499	357
Fresh vegetables	204	175	218	204	211	246	270	142	110
Processed fruits	204	176	213	179	205	257	302	149	111
Processed vegetables	144	114	164	156	163	171	186	119	81
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Other food at home	\$1,212	\$953	\$1,385	\$1,249	\$1,409	\$1,435	\$1,540	\$976	\$629
Sugar and other sweets	149	118	168	131	172	187	194	118	75
Fats and oils	110	92	118	94	115	143	153	94	58
Miscellaneous foods	579	436	685	696	690	667	694	487	297
Nonalcoholic beverages	321	250	362	286	374	392	449	262	176
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	54	58	51	41	57	46	51	15	24
Food away from home	2,805	2,481	3,058	2,305	3,205	3,282	2,972	1,917	1,589
Alcoholic beverages	370	396	351	343	353	351	350	162	350
Housing	16,287	13,865	18,261	19,608	18,744	16,485	16,472	10,878	9,463
Shelter	9,298	7,861	10,541	11,064	11,028	9,275	8,935	6,290	5,805
Owned dwellings	7,132	5,894	8,242	8,495	8,621	7,352	6,591	3,028	2,737
Mortgage interest and charges	4,223	2,926	5,318	5,832	5,562	4,521	4,067	1,930	1,403
Property taxes	1,714	1,618	1,826	1,769	1,892	1,735	1,518	618	757
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	1,194	1,350	1,098	894	1,166	1,096	1,005	480	577
Rented dwellings	1,454	1,173	1,623	2,142	1,704	1,138	1,833	3,102	2,793
Other lodging	712	795	677	426	703	784	511	159	275
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,354	2,975	3,585	3,097	3,615	3,838	3,849	2,581	2,107
Natural gas	501	438	537	482	524	599	596	377	310
Electricity	1,218	1,088	1,294	1,043	1,345	1,356	1,398	1,014	764
Fuel oil and other fuels	150	157	150	119	152	166	115	46	78
Telephone services	1,071	916	1,170	1,097	1,158	1,240	1,239	883	736
Water and other public services	415	376	432	356	434	477	501	261	219
Household operations	930	497	1,303	2,383	1,338	547	840	682	378
Personal services	428	45	740	1,848	706	100	452	451	109
Other household expenses	502	452	563	535	632	447	388	231	270
Housekeeping supplies	681	638	713	633	684	838	707	420	311
Laundry and cleaning supplies	169	137	185	174	177	211	245	137	84
Other household products	347	333	363	294	367	405	327	211	148
Postage and stationery	165	169	165	164	140	222	135	71	78
Household furnishings and equipment	2,024	1,894	2,118	2,433	2,079	1,988	2,141	905	863
Household textiles	151	158	143	158	136	149	165	82	73
Furniture	527	489	585	729	616	435	367	209	214
Floor coverings	62	55	70	28	67	105	45	12	20
Major appliances	244	250	243	232	238	263	214	134	107
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	121	135	98	82	103	100	189	50	50
Miscellaneous household equipment	919	807	978	1,204	920	936	1,161	419	399
Apparel and services	2,214	1,716	2,598	2,447	2,610	2,691	2,456	2,051	1,127
Men and boys	571	423	692	519	726	754	593	360	253
Men, 16 and over	442	401	480	390	421	669	432	174	228
Boys, 2 to 15	129	22	213	129	305	85	161	185	26
Women and girls	841	670	971	751	1,023	1,027	929	923	442
Women, 16 and over	679	640	706	556	647	942	715	661	405
Girls, 2 to 15	162	30	265	195	376	85	213	262	37
Children under 2	123	48	178	569	94	77	181	90	30
Footwear	367	300	414	345	442	406	430	476	198
Other apparel products and services	313	275	343	262	326	428	324	203	204
Transportation	10,214	8,380	11,524	9,744	11,351	12,983	11,423	4,446	5,065
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	4,865	3,846	5,564	4,710	5,526	6,180	5,715	1,872	2,315
Cars and trucks, new	2,417	2,225	2,604	1,904	2,628	3,002	2,247	546	989
Cars and trucks, used	2,397	1,586	2,889	2,737	2,830	3,100	3,458	1,306	1,283
Other vehicles	51	435	71	469	67	478	410	420	43
Gasoline and motor oil	1,692	1,401	1,892	1,558	1,876	2,136	1,927	897	851

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Other vehicle expenses	\$3,152	\$2,595	\$3,583	\$3,139	\$3,439	\$4,140	\$3,320	\$1,454	\$1,597
Vehicle finance charges	499	364	590	595	564	638	622	213	217
Maintenance and repairs	848	707	974	721	954	1,170	792	438	477
Vehicle insurance	1,065	915	1,161	1,013	1,044	1,481	1,228	548	570
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	740	609	858	810	877	851	679	256	333
Public transportation	505	538	485	338	511	528	461	223	301
Health care	2,863	3,360	2,489	2,013	2,488	2,800	2,653	1,134	1,530
Health insurance	1,405	1,641	1,232	1,106	1,224	1,327	1,276	530	732
Medical services	781	837	750	606	795	754	690	313	366
Drugs	549	732	396	218	364	575	556	236	360
Medical supplies	129	150	111	83	104	144	131	55	72
Entertainment	2,585	2,255	2,921	2,312	3,300	2,588	2,216	1,375	1,292
Fees and admissions	731	647	831	508	1,004	705	545	341	313
Television, radios, sound equipment	793	622	923	776	974	920	867	581	514
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	438	373	497	465	550	421	407	240	232
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	623	613	671	562	773	542	397	212	233
Personal care products and services	600	554	623	562	628	654	707	480	347
Reading	177	199	164	136	171	168	149	71	108
Education	809	437	1,148	343	1,091	1,771	618	541	474
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	324	271	340	234	327	432	491	290	293
Miscellaneous	909	780	1,038	654	1,161	1,056	776	701	571
Cash contributions	1,575	1,744	1,503	1,162	1,524	1,680	1,171	435	1,002
Personal insurance and pensions	5,162	4,365	5,872	5,644	5,826	6,107	4,845	1,912	2,327
Life and other personal insurance	613	607	602	420	645	634	705	177	207
Pensions and Social Security	4,550	3,757	5,271	5,224	5,181	5,472	4,139	1,734	2,120
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹									
Money income before taxes	64,383	57,498	70,157	65,555	69,041	75,374	63,539	25,908	31,594
Wages and salaries	53,427	41,070	63,702	62,123	63,778	64,595	52,417	21,015	23,819
Self-employment income	3,243	3,155	3,354	2,044	3,317	4,291	3,016	823	1,293
Social Security, private and government retirement	5,757	10,878	1,541	230	660	4,129	5,929	910	4,644
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,199	1,775	856	377	662	1,551	465	118	790
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	218	175	209	145	213	243	470	155	122
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	291	309	211	216	167	295	660	1,258	364
Regular contributions for support	148	72	188	329	188	95	277	1,443	343
Other income	100	63	95	91	55	174	304	186	219
Personal taxes	4,197	4,503	4,239	4,180	4,267	4,223	2,526	635	1,808
Federal income taxes	3,227	3,505	3,234	3,074	3,310	3,192	1,879	385	1,386
State and local income taxes	792	812	832	992	799	791	472	201	337
Other taxes	178	186	173	114	158	241	175	48	85
Income after taxes	60,185	52,994	65,918	61,375	64,774	71,151	61,012	25,273	29,786

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Addenda:									
Net change in total assets and liabilities	-\$2,963	-\$2,434	-\$2,758	-\$10,884	\$1,214	-\$5,214	-\$6,811	-\$796	-\$1,180
Net change in total assets	8,744	6,326	11,293	10,965	14,516	5,315	5,405	4,009	2,332
Net change in total liabilities	11,707	8,760	14,051	21,849	13,301	10,529	12,217	4,805	3,513
Other financial information:									
Other money receipts	402	440	324	324	364	246	680	325	344
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-1,987	-1,491	-2,369	-1,701	-2,357	-2,818	-2,138	-621	-817
Estimated market value of owned home	144,809	136,270	155,130	127,958	169,321	145,175	125,067	46,651	64,281
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	918	902	942	855	945	991	857	352	470
Gifts of goods and services	1,324	1,481	1,247	784	1,135	1,782	993	649	693
Food	103	105	108	46	92	179	65	21	35
Alcoholic beverages	16	15	16	14	15	18	17	8	13
Housing	341	371	323	235	304	418	295	149	175
Housekeeping supplies	57	64	50	45	49	55	62	15	26
Household textiles	18	25	12	45	13	14	15	42	11
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares	36	52	24	20	19	36	30	44	15
Major appliances	9	13	5	411	41	10	410	41	4
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	28	40	18	9	18	26	21	43	11
Miscellaneous household equipment	74	83	69	47	63	97	54	32	45
Other housing	156	146	168	119	160	215	135	97	78
Apparel and services	297	322	285	252	219	453	237	218	165
Males, 2 and over	77	80	79	60	48	161	43	46	44
Females, 2 and over	115	144	99	47	85	166	63	69	60
Children under 2	60	48	67	130	44	70	82	40	20
Other apparel products and services	46	51	41	16	42	56	48	63	41
Jewelry and watches	12	12	11	9	10	13	22	19	22
All other apparel products and services	33	38	30	46	32	43	427	444	19
Transportation	85	84	93	20	120	88	47	59	54
Health care	31	46	19	419	16	25	26	43	38
Entertainment	92	111	82	93	77	84	55	29	60
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	37	54	25	25	23	29	23	11	24
Other entertainment	55	58	56	68	54	54	32	17	35
Personal care products and services	20	27	15	12	15	16	23	13	22
Reading	1	2	1	1	1	1	(3)	(3)	1
Education	253	273	247	68	219	415	184	56	66
All other gifts	84	123	59	24	57	84	45	52	63

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 Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

n.a. Not applicable.