

Table 23. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2003-2004

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Tampa	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	41,563	2,283	1,238	1,847	1,855	900	2,166	1,760
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes ¹	\$49,110	\$81,531	\$58,545	\$56,094	\$51,521	\$50,958	\$63,098	\$63,981
Age of reference person	48.2	46.4	51.9	45.8	48.7	52.8	45.6	44.7
Average number in consumer unit:								
Persons	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.7	3.0
Children under 186	.7	.6	.7	.7	.5	.7	1.0
Persons 65 and over3	.2	.4	.2	.3	.4	.2	.2
Earners	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.5
Vehicles	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.9
Percent homeowner	69	70	69	73	65	75	68	64
Average annual expenditures	\$38,454	\$53,251	\$37,681	\$37,130	\$39,875	\$35,911	\$50,304	\$48,063
Food	5,142	6,049	4,688	5,241	5,758	4,750	6,111	5,737
Food at home	3,058	3,137	2,757	2,809	4,056	3,020	3,554	3,107
Cereals and bakery products	420	415	396	386	550	411	470	429
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	842	840	734	825	1,142	774	897	813
Dairy products	314	299	287	290	484	343	378	343
Fruits and vegetables	495	609	485	523	798	487	582	535
Other food at home	987	974	855	785	1,082	1,006	1,227	987
Food away from home	2,083	2,912	1,931	2,432	1,702	1,730	2,557	2,630
Alcoholic beverages	346	630	370	353	389	519	507	297
Housing	12,130	19,461	13,640	13,711	15,907	13,123	15,891	15,512
Shelter	6,640	12,685	8,584	8,233	10,086	7,512	9,050	8,706
Owned dwellings	4,492	8,830	5,996	5,865	6,709	5,462	6,264	5,838
Rented dwellings	1,814	3,293	2,247	2,106	3,017	1,820	2,307	2,466
Other lodging	334	562	341	262	360	230	479	402
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,933	3,361	2,846	3,372	3,109	3,008	3,604	3,594
Household operations	670	1,099	586	605	954	710	828	923
Housekeeping supplies	523	581	459	453	550	533	624	640
Household furnishings and equipment	1,364	1,735	1,165	1,049	1,208	1,360	1,785	1,650
Apparel and services	1,548	2,158	1,564	1,520	1,096	1,143	2,051	2,100
Transportation	7,426	8,086	5,970	5,794	6,791	6,855	9,574	9,126
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,542	3,280	2,290	2,320	2,386	3,078	4,624	4,250
Gasoline and motor oil	1,460	1,496	1,257	1,295	1,397	1,191	1,640	1,686
Other vehicle expenses	2,157	2,570	2,055	1,975	2,562	2,369	2,906	2,838
Public transportation	267	739	369	204	446	217	403	352
Health care	2,453	2,419	2,077	1,760	1,924	2,241	3,063	2,642
Entertainment	1,974	2,469	1,542	1,794	1,479	1,592	2,064	2,212
Personal care products and services	519	628	570	432	523	459	727	697
Reading	96	157	89	54	41	107	128	117
Education	606	1,509	654	693	558	292	902	937
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	283	175	227	127	194	257	235	258
Miscellaneous	534	787	464	240	884	436	724	638
Cash contributions	1,298	1,553	1,203	844	672	585	2,312	2,003
Personal insurance and pensions	4,101	7,169	4,623	4,566	3,659	3,555	6,016	5,787
Life and other personal insurance	388	611	308	418	196	324	455	431
Pensions and Social Security	3,713	6,558	4,315	4,148	3,463	3,231	5,561	5,356

¹ Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only through 2003; (see glossary). Beginning in 2004 income imputation was implemented. As a result, all consumer units are considered to be complete income reporters.