

Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2003-2004

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	115,819	22,116	26,489	41,563	25,651
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes ¹	\$53,109	\$59,187	\$53,149	\$49,110	\$54,416
Income after taxes ¹	50,807	56,885	50,555	47,175	51,815
Age of reference person	48.4	50.1	48.9	48.2	46.9
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6
Children under 186	.6	.6	.6	.7
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.9	2.0
Percent distribution:					
Sex of reference person:					
Male	49	50	51	47	51
Female	51	50	49	53	49
Housing tenure:					
Homeowner	67	65	72	69	62
With mortgage	42	38	44	41	43
Without mortgage	26	27	28	28	19
Renter	33	35	28	31	38
Race of reference person:					
Black or African-American	12	11	9	19	4
White, Asian, and All Other Races	88	89	91	81	96
Education of reference person:					
Elementary (1-8)	6	5	4	7	6
High school (9-12)	36	39	39	37	28
College	58	56	57	55	65
Never attended and other	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	88	80	90	89	90
Average annual expenditures	\$42,166	\$44,202	\$41,881	\$38,454	\$46,717
Food	5,561	6,049	5,338	5,142	6,051
Food at home	3,238	3,470	3,045	3,058	3,531
Cereals and bakery products	451	503	428	420	481
Cereals and cereal products	152	167	138	142	169
Bakery products	299	336	290	278	312
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	852	948	758	842	886
Beef	255	259	233	262	265
Pork	176	178	166	185	170
Other meats	105	133	108	93	96
Poultry	150	180	125	145	160
Fish and seafood	126	155	94	119	147
Eggs	40	43	31	38	48
Dairy products	349	385	341	314	385
Fresh milk and cream	135	143	131	125	150
Other dairy products	214	242	209	189	235
Fruits and vegetables	548	612	491	495	639
Fresh fruits	179	199	162	155	217
Fresh vegetables	177	199	145	160	221
Processed fruits	109	125	104	95	123
Processed vegetables	83	89	80	85	78

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other food at home	\$1,037	\$1,022	\$1,028	\$987	\$1,141
Sugar and other sweets	124	131	124	113	135
Fats and oils	87	91	81	84	96
Miscellaneous foods	509	489	517	486	552
Nonalcoholic beverages	279	275	266	272	306
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	39	35	40	31	52
Food away from home	2,323	2,579	2,293	2,083	2,520
Alcoholic beverages	425	526	415	346	477
Housing	13,676	15,271	13,036	12,130	15,465
Shelter	7,943	9,379	7,212	6,640	9,571
Owned dwellings	5,294	6,159	5,084	4,492	6,064
Mortgage interest and charges	2,945	2,979	2,664	2,549	3,847
Property taxes	1,368	2,067	1,479	1,032	1,193
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	981	1,113	942	910	1,023
Rented dwellings	2,190	2,669	1,638	1,814	2,958
Other lodging	459	551	490	334	549
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,869	2,993	2,906	2,933	2,621
Natural gas	408	537	612	249	343
Electricity	1,046	956	944	1,270	867
Fuel oil and other fuels	115	304	102	65	46
Telephone services	973	960	931	1,017	956
Water and other public services	327	236	316	332	408
Household operations	730	803	661	670	837
Personal services	297	363	288	261	307
Other household expenses	433	441	373	409	529
Housekeeping supplies	562	555	618	523	572
Laundry and cleaning supplies	140	135	149	139	138
Other household products	277	276	311	263	264
Postage and stationery	144	144	158	120	170
Household furnishings and equipment	1,572	1,541	1,639	1,364	1,865
Household textiles	136	168	115	121	152
Furniture	409	386	425	357	497
Floor coverings	52	55	50	36	76
Major appliances	200	196	215	170	236
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	96	85	92	93	115
Miscellaneous household equipment	679	651	742	587	788
Apparel and services	1,728	2,018	1,617	1,548	1,885
Men and boys	389	443	388	341	421
Men, 16 and over	300	352	299	254	330
Boys, 2 to 15	89	91	89	87	92
Women and girls	687	821	636	606	754
Women, 16 and over	580	700	522	512	646
Girls, 2 to 15	107	121	114	93	108
Children under 2	80	72	86	74	91
Footwear	311	392	260	297	319
Other apparel products and services	261	289	248	231	300
Transportation	7,791	7,332	7,763	7,426	8,807
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,564	3,118	3,545	3,542	4,004
Cars and trucks, new	1,900	1,639	1,824	1,916	2,177
Cars and trucks, used	1,597	1,403	1,638	1,573	1,761
Other vehicles	67	76	83	53	66
Gasoline and motor oil	1,466	1,271	1,489	1,460	1,618

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other vehicle expenses	\$2,348	\$2,351	\$2,363	\$2,157	\$2,640
Vehicle finance charges	347	262	361	382	348
Maintenance and repairs	635	577	617	566	816
Vehicle insurance	935	957	892	925	977
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	431	555	494	283	499
Public transportation	413	591	367	267	545
Health care	2,496	2,248	2,724	2,453	2,543
Health insurance	1,292	1,272	1,412	1,255	1,244
Medical services	620	522	668	573	730
Drugs	474	366	520	527	432
Medical supplies	110	88	124	98	137
Entertainment	2,139	2,067	2,093	1,974	2,516
Fees and admissions	511	580	538	381	636
Television, radios, sound equipment	759	808	753	725	778
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment	379	404	375	336	434
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	490	276	427	532	670
Personal care products and services	554	582	531	519	613
Reading	129	149	146	96	148
Education	845	1,096	862	606	996
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	289	301	352	283	224
Miscellaneous	648	654	722	534	752
Cash contributions	1,389	1,135	1,630	1,298	1,508
Personal insurance and pensions	4,496	4,776	4,653	4,101	4,733
Life and other personal insurance	394	409	431	388	352
Pensions and Social Security	4,102	4,367	4,222	3,713	4,381
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹					
Money income before taxes	53,109	59,187	53,149	49,110	54,416
Wages and salaries	42,415	48,744	42,445	39,073	42,451
Self-employment income	2,654	2,259	2,662	2,436	3,336
Social Security, private and government retirement	5,723	5,654	5,865	5,656	5,744
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,196	1,420	1,237	860	1,509
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	251	325	230	180	323
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	310	310	237	334	345
Regular contributions for support	382	312	330	415	443
Other income	179	163	143	157	264
Personal taxes	2,302	2,302	2,593	1,936	2,601
Federal income taxes	1,644	1,535	1,719	1,461	1,957
State and local income taxes	479	544	616	334	520
Other taxes	179	223	258	140	123
Income after taxes	50,807	56,885	50,555	47,175	51,815

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Addenda:					
Net change in total assets and liabilities	- \$10,958	- \$10,060	- \$8,123	- \$7,452	- \$20,340
Net change in total assets	7,837	6,812	7,298	6,269	11,817
Net change in total liabilities	18,794	16,872	15,421	13,721	32,156
Other financial information:					
Other money receipts	543	547	426	515	706
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-1,678	-1,798	-1,863	-1,396	-1,842
Estimated market value of owned home	129,880	155,029	116,360	101,109	168,776
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	765	862	726	673	872
Gifts of goods and services	1,112	1,340	1,138	925	1,188
Food	76	124	65	53	82
Alcoholic beverages	18	23	16	15	20
Housing	252	267	249	221	290
Housekeeping supplies	51	70	52	39	55
Household textiles	16	13	19	15	17
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares	28	17	36	26	33
Major appliances	9	4	17	6	10
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	19	13	19	20	22
Miscellaneous household equipment	64	65	66	56	76
Other housing	92	102	77	86	110
Apparel and services	256	296	254	229	266
Males, 2 and over	66	83	64	58	65
Females, 2 and over	91	100	94	85	88
Children under 2	39	41	35	36	45
Other apparel products and services	61	72	60	51	67
Jewelry and watches	25	23	25	20	35
All other apparel products and services	36	49	36	31	33
Transportation	55	36	57	45	86
Health care	48	24	93	42	34
Entertainment	74	73	85	64	79
Toys, games, arts and crafts, and tricycles	27	25	31	27	24
Other entertainment	47	48	53	37	55
Personal care products and services	22	24	17	23	26
Reading	1	1	1	1	2
Education	225	393	213	166	187
All other gifts	84	78	89	65	116

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.

² Value less than 0.5.