

Table 1500. Composition of consumer unit: Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1989

Item	Husband and wife consumer units								
	Total	husband	and wife	Husband and wife with children	Other	One	parent,	and other	Single person
	and wife	Husband and wife	Husband and wife	Oldest child	Oldest child	Oldest child	and wife	at least one child	consumer units
	units	only	with children	under 6	6 to 17	or over	units		
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	52,728	20,883	28,271	6,265	13,721	8,285	3,574	5,561	37,528
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes 1/.....	\$40,913	\$37,183	\$43,576	\$37,601	\$43,486	\$48,660	\$42,171	\$17,416	\$20,260
Income after taxes 1/.....	37,144	33,507	39,678	34,288	39,648	44,175	38,869	16,458	18,481
Average number of persons in consumer unit....	3.2	2.0	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.9	4.9	2.9	1.6
Age of reference person.....	47.4	56.1	40.9	30.7	38.8	51.9	47.9	35.3	48.7
Average number in consumer unit:									
Earners.....	1.8	1.2	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.7	2.4	1.0	.9

Vehicles.....	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.2	2.7	3.6	2.9	1.0	1.3
Children under 18.....	.9	n.a.	1.5	1.5	2.1	.6	1.6	1.8	.2
Persons 65 and over.....	.3	.7	.1	(2)	(3)	.2	.5	(3)	.3
Percent distribution:									
Sex of reference person:									
Male.....	88	88	89	87	89	91	85	13	43
Female.....	12	12	11	13	11	9	15	87	57
Housing tenure:									
Percent homeowner.....	78	80	77	64	77	89	77	34	44
Homeowner with mortgage.....	53	38	63	58	66	63	56	27	21
Homeowner without mortgage.....	26	43	14	6	11	26	21	7	24
Renter.....	22	20	23	36	23	11	23	66	56
Race of reference person:									
Black.....	6	4	6	5	7	6	18	32	13
White and other.....	94	96	94	95	93	94	82	68	87
Education of reference person:									
Elementary (1-8).....	10	15	5	2	5	9	12	8	13
High school (9-12).....	44	41	45	45	42	48	50	52	41
College.....	46	44	49	53	53	42	36	39	46
Never attended and other.....	1	1	(4)	(4)	(4)	1	1	(4)	1
At least one vehicle owned.....	96	96	97	95	97	98	96	67	76
Average annual expenditures.....	\$34,826	\$30,604	\$37,580	\$33,791	\$37,644	\$40,433	\$37,705	\$19,186	\$19,085
Food.....	14.9	14.3	15.1	13.7	15.6	15.4	16.8	17.8	14.2
Food at home.....	8.7	7.9	8.9	8.5	9.2	8.7	11.4	11.6	7.6

Shelter.....	16.4	16.6	16.3	18.2	17.1	13.8	15.3	19.7	19.8
Owned dwellings.....	11.3	10.9	11.7	12.4	12.3	10.5	9.9	7.9	7.9
Mortgage interest.....	7.1	5.6	8.1	9.6	8.9	5.9	6.9	5.7	4.1
Property taxes.....	2.3	2.6	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.7	1.8	.9	1.7
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses.....	1.9	2.7	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.9	1.2	1.2	2.1
Rented dwellings.....	3.1	3.3	3.0	4.9	3.2	1.4	3.4	11.0	10.4
Other lodging.....	1.9	2.4	1.6	1.0	1.6	2.0	1.9	.9	1.4
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	6.3	6.4	6.2	5.7	6.1	6.5	7.1	8.4	7.1
Natural gas.....	.8	.9	.8	.7	.8	.8	1.0	1.2	1.0
Electricity.....	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.4	2.7
Fuel oil and other fuels.....	.4	.4	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4
Telephone.....	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.8	2.5
Water and other public services.....	.7	.7	.7	.6	.7	.7	.8	.8	.6
Household operations.....	1.8	1.2	2.1	4.4	1.9	.9	1.6	3.0	1.2
Personal services.....	.9	.1	1.4	3.7	1.2	.2	.7	2.1	.3
Other household expenses.....	.9	1.1	.7	.7	.8	.7	.9	.8	.8
Housekeeping supplies.....	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2
Laundry and cleaning supplies.....	.4	.3	.4	.4	.4	.4	.5	.6	.3
Other household products.....	.7	.7	.6	.6	.6	.6	.5	.5	.4
Postage and stationery.....	.4	.5	.4	.6	.3	.4	.4	.4	.4
Household furnishings and equipment.....	4.1	4.7	3.9	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.4
Household textiles.....	.4	.5	.4	.5	.3	.5	.4	.4	.2
Furniture.....	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.2	.9	1.3	1.0	1.1
Floor coverings.....	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.1	5/.1	.2
Major appliances.....	.6	.7	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Miscellaneous household equipment.....	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.1	.8	1.1	1.3
Apparel and services.....	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.2	7.9	5.7
Men and boys.....	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.3

and services.....	1.6	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.4	2.7	1.9	.5	.8
Personal care products and services.....	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.4
Reading.....	.5	.6	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.6
Education.....	1.2	0.6	1.6	0.4	1.5	2.5	1.2	1.0	1.6
Tobacco products and smoking supplies.....	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.9	1.0	1.0	1.2
Miscellaneous.....	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.8
Cash contributions.....	3.2	4.5	2.5	1.6	2.3	3.3	2.6	1.2	3.6
Personal insurance and pensions.....	9.6	9.1	10.1	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.2	6.1	7.5
Life and other personal insurance.....	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	.8	.9
Pensions and Social Security.....	8.2	7.6	8.8	9.3	8.8	8.4	6.9	5.3	6.6
Sources of income and personal taxes: 1/									
Money income before taxes.....	\$40,913	\$37,183	\$43,576	\$37,601	\$43,486	\$48,660	\$42,171	\$17,416	\$20,260
Wages and salaries.....	76.3	61.5	85.6	89.0	86.5	81.9	78.3	73.3	68.8
Self-employment income.....	8.9	9.8	8.7	7.8	9.5	8.1	6.0	3.4	6.4
Social Security, private and government retirement.....	9.7	20.9	2.5	.3	1.1	6.2	10.2	3.8	14.7
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income.....	3.5	6.6	1.6	1.0	1.3	2.3	3.0	2.1	5.6
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits.....	.6	.7	.6	.5	.7	.4	.7	.6	.8
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps.....	.3	.2	.4	.5	.3	.3	.9	9.4	1.5
Regular contributions for support.....	.3	.2	.4	.8	.4	.2	.5	6.8	1.6
Other income.....	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.5	.3	.5	.7

Personal taxes.....	9.2	9.9	8.9	8.8	8.8	9.2	7.8	5.5	8.8
Federal income taxes.....	7.3	8.1	7.0	7.1	6.9	7.1	6.1	4.1	6.9
State and local income taxes.....	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.7
Other taxes.....	.2	.2	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2
Income after taxes.....	90.8	90.1	91.1	91.2	91.2	90.8	92.2	94.5	91.2

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

2/ No data reported.

3/ Value less than 0.05.

4/ Value less than 0.5.

5/ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

n.a. Not applicable.