

**Table 668. Average Annual Expenditures of All Consumer Units by Selected Major Types of Expenditure: 1990 to 2007**

[In dollars, except as indicated (96,968 represents \$96,968,000). Based on Consumer Expenditure Survey. Data are averages for the noninstitutional population. Expenditures reported here are out-of-pocket]

| Type  | 1990            | 1995            | 2000            | 2003            | 2004            | 2005            | 2006            | 2007            |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Number of consumer units (1,000) . . . .          | 96,968          | 103,123         | 109,367         | 115,356         | 116,282         | 117,356         | 118,843         | 120,171         |
| <b>Expenditures, total</b> <sup>1</sup> . . . . . | <b>\$28,381</b> | <b>\$32,264</b> | <b>\$38,045</b> | <b>\$40,817</b> | <b>\$43,395</b> | <b>\$46,409</b> | <b>\$48,398</b> | <b>\$49,638</b> |
| Food . . . . .                                    | 4,296           | 4,505           | 5,158           | 5,340           | 5,781           | 5,931           | 6,111           | 6,133           |
| Food at home <sup>1</sup> . . . . .               | 2,485           | 2,803           | 3,021           | 3,129           | 3,347           | 3,297           | 3,417           | 3,465           |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs . . . .            | 668             | 752             | 795             | 825             | 880             | 764             | 797             | 777             |
| Dairy products . . . . .                          | 295             | 297             | 325             | 328             | 371             | 378             | 368             | 387             |
| Fruits and vegetables . . . . .                   | 408             | 457             | 521             | 535             | 561             | 552             | 592             | 600             |
| Other food at home . . . . .                      | 746             | 856             | 927             | 999             | 1,075           | 1,158           | 1,212           | 1,241           |
| Food away from home . . . . .                     | 1,811           | 1,702           | 2,137           | 2,211           | 2,434           | 2,634           | 2,694           | 2,668           |
| Alcoholic beverages . . . . .                     | 293             | 277             | 372             | 391             | 459             | 426             | 497             | 457             |
| Housing <sup>1</sup> . . . . .                    | 8,703           | 10,458          | 12,319          | 13,432          | 13,918          | 15,167          | 16,366          | 16,920          |
| Shelter . . . . .                                 | 4,836           | 5,928           | 7,114           | 7,887           | 7,998           | 8,805           | 9,673           | 10,023          |
| Utilities, fuels, and public services . . .       | 1,890           | 2,191           | 2,489           | 2,811           | 2,927           | 3,183           | 3,397           | 3,477           |
| Apparel and services . . . . .                    | 1,618           | 1,704           | 1,856           | 1,640           | 1,816           | 1,886           | 1,874           | 1,881           |
| Transportation <sup>1</sup> . . . . .             | 5,120           | 6,014           | 7,417           | 7,781           | 7,801           | 8,344           | 8,508           | 8,758           |
| Vehicle purchases . . . . .                       | 2,129           | 2,638           | 3,418           | 3,732           | 3,397           | 3,544           | 3,421           | 3,244           |
| Gasoline and motor oil . . . . .                  | 1,047           | 1,006           | 1,291           | 1,333           | 1,598           | 2,013           | 2,227           | 2,384           |
| Other vehicle expenses . . . . .                  | 1,642           | 2,015           | 2,281           | 2,331           | 2,365           | 2,339           | 2,355           | 2,592           |
| Health care . . . . .                             | 1,480           | 1,732           | 2,066           | 2,416           | 2,574           | 2,664           | 2,766           | 2,853           |
| Entertainment . . . . .                           | 1,422           | 1,612           | 1,863           | 2,060           | 2,218           | 2,388           | 2,376           | 2,698           |
| Reading . . . . .                                 | 153             | 162             | 146             | 127             | 130             | 126             | 117             | 118             |
| Tobacco products, smoking supplies . . .          | 274             | 269             | 319             | 290             | 288             | 319             | 327             | 323             |
| Personal insurance and pensions . . . .           | 2,592           | 2,964           | 3,365           | 4,055           | 4,823           | 5,204           | 5,270           | 5,336           |
| Life and other personal insurance . . .           | 345             | 373             | 399             | 397             | 390             | 381             | 322             | 309             |
| Pensions and Social Security . . . . .            | 2,248           | 2,591           | 2,966           | 3,658           | 4,433           | 4,823           | 4,948           | 5,027           |

<sup>1</sup> Includes expenditures not shown separately.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Consumer Expenditures in 2007*, News, USDL-08-1746 (25 November 2008). See also <<http://stats.bls.gov/cex/home.htm>>.