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Item	All consumer units	One person	Two or more persons				
			Total	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five or more persons
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	120,770	35,064	85,706	39,629	17,982	16,514	11,580
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes	\$63,563	\$32,994	\$76,068	\$68,168	\$77,032	\$87,390	\$85,464
Income after taxes	61,774	31,789	74,041	65,755	74,618	85,501	85,156
Age of reference person	49.1	52.6	47.6	53.9	44.0	41.1	41.5
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	2.5	1.0	3.1	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.6
Children under 18 .....	.6	n.a.	.9	.1	.8	1.6	2.7
Persons 65 and older .....	.3	.3	.3	.5	.2	.1	.1
Earners	1.3	.6	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.9	2.2
Vehicles	2.0	1.1	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.5
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male	47	47	47	51	43	44	42
Female	53	53	53	49	57	56	58
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner	66	49	74	75	69	75	72
With mortgage	42	24	50	42	51	63	58
Without mortgage	24	25	24	34	18	12	14
Renter	34	51	26	25	31	25	28
Race of reference person:							
Black or African-American	12	13	12	10	14	12	14
White, Asian, and all other races	88	87	88	90	86	88	86
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:							
Hispanic or Latino	12	7	13	8	15	17	25
Not Hispanic or Latino	88	93	87	92	85	83	75
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	5	5	5	4	3	4	8
High school (9-12)	35	34	35	34	38	33	39
College	60	60	60	61	59	63	53
Never attended and other	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	89	77	94	93	92	95	95
Average annual expenditures	\$50,486	\$30,120	\$58,786	\$53,320	\$59,488	\$65,955	\$66,262
Food							
Food at home	12.8	12.0	12.9	11.8	12.8	13.9	14.8
Cereals and bakery products	7.4	6.6	7.6	6.8	7.6	8.0	9.1
Cereals and cereal products	1.0	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	1.1	1.3
Bakery products .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.5
Bakery products .....	.7	.6	.7	.6	.7	.8	.8
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.7	2.2
Beef .....	.5	.4	.5	.4	.5	.5	.7
Pork .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4
Other meats .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3
Poultry .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4
Fish and seafood .....	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3
Eggs .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Dairy products9	.8	.9	.8	.9	.9	1.0
Fresh milk and cream3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4
Other dairy products5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.6	.6

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Item	All consumer units	One person	Two or more persons				
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Fruits and vegetables	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.5
Fresh fruits4	.4	.4	.4	.5	.5	.5
Fresh vegetables4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.5
Processed fruits .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3
Processed vegetables .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3
Other food at home	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.1
Sugar and other sweets .....	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3
Fats and oils .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Miscellaneous foods	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.7	.6	.7	.6	.7	.8	.8
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Food away from home	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.2	5.9	5.6
Alcoholic beverages .....	.9	1.2	.8	1.0	.7	.6	.6
Housing	33.9	38.2	33.0	32.5	33.0	33.8	33.1
Shelter	20.2	24.9	19.2	19.0	18.9	19.9	18.9
Owned dwellings	13.4	12.2	13.6	13.0	13.2	15.2	13.8
Mortgage interest and charges	7.6	6.0	7.9	6.5	7.9	9.9	9.0
Property taxes	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.2
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	2.3	2.8	2.2	2.8	2.0	1.8	1.6
Rented dwellings	5.4	11.6	4.1	4.1	4.5	3.6	4.2
Other lodging	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.9	1.3	1.1	.8
Utilities, fuels, and public services	7.2	7.5	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.6
Natural gas	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Electricity	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.4	.4	.4	.5	.3	.3	.3
Telephone services	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.4
Water and other public services .....	.9	.9	.9	.9	.8	.9	1.0
Household operations	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.5	2.2
Personal services .....	.8	.2	.9	.3	1.1	1.5	1.2
Other household expenses	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.0
Housekeeping supplies	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4
Other household products .....	.7	.5	.7	.7	.7	.8	.8
Postage and stationery .....	.3	.4	.3	.4	.3	.3	.2
Household furnishings and equipment	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.1
Household textiles .....	.3	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2
Furniture .....	.8	.7	.8	.7	.9	.7	.8
Floor coverings .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	(²)
Major appliances .....	.4	.3	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Miscellaneous household equipment	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.5
Apparel and services	3.6	3.1	3.7	3.2	4.0	3.8	4.3
Men and boys .....	.8	.7	.9	.7	1.0	.9	1.1
Men, 16 and over .....	.7	.6	.7	.7	.8	.6	.7
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	.2	(²)	.2	.1	.2	.3	.4
Women and girls	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.7
Women, 16 and over	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.0
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	.2	.1	.3	.1	.2	.4	.6
Children under 2 .....	.2	.1	.2	.1	.3	.3	.3
Footwear .....	.6	.5	.6	.5	.7	.7	.8
Other apparel products and services .....	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.4
Transportation	17.0	14.7	17.5	17.3	18.1	17.5	17.5
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	5.5	4.0	5.8	5.6	6.5	5.4	5.7
Cars and trucks, new	2.6	1.8	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.1
Cars and trucks, used	2.6	2.0	2.7	2.4	3.1	2.7	3.3
Other vehicles3	.2	.3	.2	.4	.2	.3

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Gasoline and motor oil	5.4	4.6	5.5	5.2	5.5	5.8	6.1
Other vehicle expenses	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.5	4.8
Vehicle finance charges .....	.6	.4	.7	.6	.7	.7	.7
Maintenance and repairs	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Vehicle insurance	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	1.8
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges .....	.9	.9	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	.8
Public transportation	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.0	.9	.9
Healthcare	5.9	6.0	5.9	7.4	4.9	4.6	4.6
Health insurance	3.3	3.6	3.2	4.1	2.7	2.6	2.3
Medical services	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.4
Drugs	1.0	1.0	.9	1.3	.8	.6	.7
Medical supplies .....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Entertainment	5.6	5.5	5.6	6.0	5.2	5.6	5.5
Fees and admissions	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.4
Audio and visual equipment and services	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.1	1.3	1.1
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	.9	.7	1.0	1.1	.8	.9	1.1
Personal care products and services	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Reading .....	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.1
Education	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.6	2.4	2.5	2.4
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.6	.7	.6	.6	.7	.5	.6
Miscellaneous	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.3
Cash contributions	3.4	4.4	3.2	3.9	3.1	2.4	2.7
Personal insurance and pensions	11.1	8.7	11.6	11.4	11.9	11.9	11.2
Life and other personal insurance .....	.6	.4	.7	.8	.7	.6	.6
Pensions and Social Security	10.5	8.3	10.9	10.6	11.2	11.4	10.6
Sources of income and personal taxes:							
Money income before taxes	\$63,563	\$32,994	\$76,068	\$68,168	\$77,032	\$87,390	\$85,464
Wages and salaries	80.2	69.2	82.2	73.5	86.0	90.2	89.1
Self-employment income	5.1	4.4	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.8	6.1
Social Security, private and government retirement	10.3	19.0	8.8	16.6	5.4	2.2	2.1
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	2.4	4.1	2.1	3.4	1.6	1.2	.6
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	.4	.4	.3	.4	.4	.2	.3
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	.6	.9	.5	.4	.6	.5	1.0
Regular contributions for support .....	.7	1.3	.6	.4	.8	.8	.5
Other income .....	.3	.8	.2	.2	.3	.2	.3
Personal taxes	2.8	3.7	2.7	3.5	3.1	2.2	.4
Federal income taxes	2.9	3.5	2.7	3.4	3.1	2.4	1.1
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082)	-1.2	-1.1	-1.3	-1.1	-1.2	-1.3	-1.6
State and local income taxes .....	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.6
Other taxes .....	.3	.4	.3	.4	.3	.2	.2
Income after taxes	97.2	96.3	97.3	96.5	96.9	97.8	99.6

¹ Value less than or equal to 0.5.

² Value less than 0.05.

n.a. Not applicable.