

Table 23. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2001-2002

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Tampa	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	39,591	1,924	996	1,766	1,564	1,020	2,071	1,758
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes ¹	\$44,943	\$68,352	\$56,830	\$60,998	\$46,846	\$53,091	\$62,185	\$54,804
Age of reference person	48.1	47.4	49.9	44.3	48.2	49.1	45.1	45.9
Average number in consumer unit:								
Persons	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.8
Children under 186	.6	.6	.8	.8	.7	.7	.8
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2
Earners	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.5
Vehicles	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.9
Percent homeowner	68	71	68	70	63	70	64	59
Average annual expenditures								
Food	\$36,788	\$47,775	\$38,628	\$40,492	\$41,850	\$38,167	\$50,281	\$47,523
Food at home	5,127	5,867	5,737	4,986	5,885	3,888	7,374	6,373
Cereals and bakery products	2,972	3,114	3,322	2,658	3,394	2,298	4,077	3,164
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	426	469	478	349	475	313	580	448
Dairy products	828	748	1,016	801	996	657	1,152	848
Fruits and vegetables	300	339	299	253	375	247	411	338
Other food at home	497	609	559	514	663	429	672	535
Food away from home	921	949	970	742	885	652	1,262	994
Alcoholic beverages	2,155	2,753	2,415	2,328	2,490	1,589	3,298	3,210
Housing	290	391	426	287	400	283	393	475
Shelter	11,573	18,105	13,440	14,965	15,622	13,112	15,754	15,049
Owned dwellings	6,291	11,545	8,202	8,998	9,823	7,752	9,047	8,127
Rented dwellings	4,159	8,252	5,546	6,397	6,321	5,228	5,849	4,951
Other lodging	1,749	2,537	2,056	2,175	3,228	2,023	2,689	2,726
Utilities, fuels, and public services	383	756	601	427	274	501	509	451
Household operations	2,809	2,954	2,671	3,420	3,038	2,946	3,456	3,262
Housekeeping supplies	655	977	641	859	975	826	902	1,198
Household furnishings and equipment	492	578	626	378	647	374	583	582
Apparel and services	1,325	2,051	1,299	1,310	1,138	1,213	1,765	1,881
Transportation	1,597	2,032	2,007	1,548	1,720	1,057	2,528	2,112
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	7,420	7,543	5,108	7,458	7,617	8,850	10,051	9,536
Gasoline and motor oil	3,701	3,256	1,643	3,504	3,097	4,886	5,160	4,473
Other vehicle expenses	1,241	1,242	1,182	1,276	1,315	1,219	1,506	1,525
Public transportation	2,206	2,331	1,970	2,392	2,781	2,518	3,033	3,044
Health care	273	714	313	286	424	227	352	494
Entertainment	2,314	2,201	1,840	2,010	1,969	2,282	2,432	2,449
Personal care products and services	1,678	2,711	1,760	1,401	1,579	1,591	2,201	2,516
Reading	489	640	646	359	611	387	648	674
Education	102	171	111	76	73	82	133	128
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	485	690	714	412	982	469	385	528
Miscellaneous	318	190	332	204	291	357	256	363
Cash contributions	686	816	617	1,065	1,088	721	556	936
Personal insurance and pensions	1,200	1,242	815	1,253	738	981	1,446	1,677
Life and other personal insurance	3,510	5,177	5,076	4,468	3,273	4,107	6,126	4,707
Pensions and Social Security	403	503	371	515	255	411	437	412
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¹ Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary.