

Table 22. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2006-2007

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St.Paul	Cleveland
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	27,334	3,224	2,251	1,467	1,155
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes	\$58,688	\$75,463	\$58,414	\$76,772	\$62,104
Age of reference person	48.6	49.6	49.3	48.1	53.0
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.5
Children under 186	.7	.6	.5	.6
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4
Vehicles	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.1
Percent homeowner	69	71	73	73	68
Average annual expenditures	\$46,812	\$57,304	\$48,348	\$60,059	\$47,890
Food	5,778	7,202	6,550	6,848	5,514
Food at home	3,256	4,046	3,886	3,845	3,331
Cereals and bakery products	438	537	579	517	422
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	715	932	871	703	934
Dairy products	370	406	420	475	320
Fruits and vegetables	538	713	635	731	531
Other food at home	1,195	1,457	1,381	1,419	1,125
Food away from home	2,522	3,156	2,663	3,003	2,183
Alcoholic beverages	512	801	495	928	401
Housing	15,067	20,238	15,995	20,819	16,602
Shelter	8,531	12,612	9,568	11,559	9,719
Owned dwellings	6,054	9,043	7,077	8,592	6,269
Rented dwellings	1,848	2,680	1,841	2,222	2,773
Other lodging	629	889	650	745	678
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,303	3,761	3,637	3,294	3,768
Household operations	891	1,063	602	2,871	775
Housekeeping supplies	613	654	642	562	561
Household furnishings and equipment	1,730	2,146	1,545	2,533	1,778
Apparel and services	1,828	3,019	1,848	2,193	2,241
Transportation	8,159	8,846	8,743	8,694	8,371
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,070	3,084	2,201	3,689	3,296
Gasoline and motor oil	2,275	2,322	2,602	2,151	2,177
Other vehicle expenses	2,386	2,635	3,506	2,204	2,644
Public transportation	428	806	433	649	253
Healthcare	2,957	3,020	2,307	3,705	3,293
Entertainment	2,525	2,740	2,441	3,952	2,250
Personal care products and services	541	662	570	647	571
Reading	127	130	113	156	154
Education	1,069	1,644	1,325	1,079	1,010
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	360	291	445	320	398
Miscellaneous	792	837	985	1,149	815
Cash contributions	1,847	1,633	1,500	2,953	1,557
Personal insurance and pensions	5,247	6,241	5,031	6,615	4,713
Life and other personal insurance	346	352	318	283	429
Pensions and Social Security	4,902	5,889	4,713	6,332	4,285