

**Table 24. Selected western metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2009-2010**

Item	All consumer units in the West	Los Angeles	San Francisco	San Diego	Seattle	Phoenix
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	27,257	5,540	2,910	1,193	1,861	1,536
Consumer unit characteristics:						
Income before taxes .....	\$66,475	\$69,782	\$90,270	\$76,848	\$80,701	\$54,986
Age of reference person .....	48.2	48.3	47.1	47.0	47.2	46.2
Average number in consumer unit:						
Persons .....	2.6	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.6
Children under 18 .....	.7	.7	.6	.5	.5	.7
Persons 65 and older .....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2
Earners .....	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3
Vehicles .....	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.4	1.9
Percent homeowner .....	61	52	54	50	62	67
Average annual expenditures .....	\$53,220	\$54,576	\$67,360	\$52,012	\$65,317	\$49,016
Food .....	6,854	7,182	7,920	5,831	7,174	6,583
Food at home .....	3,969	3,942	4,214	3,319	3,842	3,690
Cereals and bakery products .....	525	489	576	447	547	472
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	851	883	843	663	762	827
Dairy products .....	415	388	457	347	399	347
Fruits and vegetables .....	759	828	920	717	717	620
Other food at home .....	1,419	1,353	1,418	1,146	1,417	1,424
Food away from home .....	2,886	3,240	3,706	2,512	3,332	2,893
Alcoholic beverages .....	511	491	676	581	839	519
Housing .....	19,073	20,584	26,268	21,679	21,627	16,480
Shelter .....	12,307	14,126	19,190	15,305	13,453	9,476
Owned dwellings .....	7,538	7,433	11,194	7,877	8,530	6,215
Rented dwellings .....	4,074	6,070	6,573	6,989	3,754	2,718
Other lodging .....	694	623	1,423	439	1,168	543
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	3,338	3,049	3,207	3,114	3,611	3,742
Household operations .....	1,178	1,325	1,498	1,352	1,836	1,005
Housekeeping supplies .....	631	597	611	547	637	759
Household furnishings and equipment .....	1,619	1,487	1,762	1,362	2,089	1,499
Apparel and services .....	1,888	2,340	2,230	2,398	2,330	2,421
Transportation .....	7,960	8,540	8,509	6,963	10,054	8,008
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	2,566	2,260	2,457	1,819	4,463	2,561
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2,103	2,334	1,931	2,246	2,046	2,202
Other vehicle expenses .....	2,648	3,339	3,058	2,461	2,443	2,828
Public transportation .....	644	608	1,062	438	1,102	417
Healthcare .....	3,197	2,478	3,461	2,370	3,922	2,995
Entertainment .....	2,815	2,416	3,116	2,278	4,480	3,096
Personal care products and services .....	654	646	782	681	878	792
Reading .....	116	92	158	79	169	81
Education .....	1,035	1,112	1,754	754	1,310	311
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	272	196	153	132	397	408
Miscellaneous .....	1,000	804	1,077	536	1,325	741
Cash contributions .....	1,885	1,550	2,020	1,447	3,056	1,675
Personal insurance and pensions .....	5,959	6,145	9,237	6,283	7,754	4,907
Life and other personal insurance .....	271	233	276	234	376	173
Pensions and Social Security .....	5,688	5,912	8,961	6,049	7,378	4,733

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2011