

Table 21. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2009-2010

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	22,319	8,962	2,561	2,942
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes	\$70,077	\$78,441	\$69,603	\$83,851
Age of reference person.....	50.9	50.3	50.9	50.1
Average number in consumer unit:				
Persons.....	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.4
Children under 18.....	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6
Persons 65 and over.....	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Earners.....	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.4
Vehicles.....	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.7
Percent homeowner.....	64	57	69	66
Average annual expenditures.....				
Food.....	\$53,336	\$58,942	\$52,041	\$63,063
Food at home.....	6,866	7,412	6,217	8,066
Food away from home.....	3,977	4,071	3,702	4,870
Cereals and bakery products.....	561	565	523	712
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	890	959	847	1017
Dairy products.....	434	446	419	502
Fruits and vegetables.....	752	811	676	932
Other food at home.....	1,341	1,290	1,237	1,708
Alcoholic beverages.....	2,889	3,341	2,515	3,195
Housing.....	498	555	431	644
Shelter.....	19,189	23,238	19,690	20,959
Owned dwellings.....	11,859	15,321	12,268	12,866
Rented dwellings.....	7,471	9,086	8,209	8,233
Other lodging.....	3,571	5,340	3,095	3,639
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	816	896	964	994
Household operations.....	4,040	4,323	4,316	4,177
Housekeeping supplies.....	1,144	1,454	1,013	1,540
Household furnishings and equipment.....	629	623	642	631
Apparel and services.....	1,516	1,518	1,451	1,745
Transportation.....	1,931	2,476	1,817	1,854
Vehicle purchases (net outlay).....	7,932	7,944	6,960	9,104
Gasoline and motor oil.....	2,554	2,098	1,788	3,324
Other vehicle expenses.....	1,845	1,741	1,802	2,056
Public transportation.....	2,835	3,029	2,746	3,061
Healthcare.....	698	1,076	624	663
Entertainment.....	3,128	3,016	2,950	4,004
Personal care products and services.....	2,728	2,658	2,618	3,738
Reading.....	602	677	627	707
Education.....	133	114	121	193
Tobacco products and smoking supplies.....	1,664	1,940	1,801	2,550
Miscellaneous.....	410	251	388	534
Cash contributions.....	865	749	1,293	1,063
Personal insurance and pensions.....	1,506	1,586	1,609	1,723
Life and other personal insurance.....	5,885	6,325	5,519	7,925
Pensions and Social Security.....	350	381	300	410
	5,535	5,944	5,220	7,515

Additional Data Available

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