

Table 53. Occupation of reference person: Shares of average annual expenditures and sources of income, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2008

Item	Self-employed workers	Wage and salary earners						Retired	All other, including not reporting
		Total	Managers and professionals	Technical sales and clerical workers	Service workers	Construction workers and mechanics	Operators fabricators and laborers		
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	5,629	78,486	30,518	21,583	12,664	4,352	9,369	21,174	15,481
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes	\$89,675	\$73,261	\$101,521	\$61,308	\$48,020	\$60,607	\$48,739	\$34,585	\$44,534
Income after taxes	88,184	70,775	96,592	60,008	47,685	59,296	48,021	34,445	43,914
Age of reference person	48.1	43.2	44.8	41.7	41.8	42.5	43.8	73.5	45.7
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.6	1.7	2.9
Children under 18 .....	.8	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7	.1	.9
Persons 65 and older .....	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	1.2	.2
Earners	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.7	.2	.7
Vehicles	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.6
Percent distribution:									
Sex of reference person:									
Male	56	51	50	41	45	91	71	43	27
Female	44	49	50	59	55	9	29	57	73
Housing tenure:									
Homeowner	78	64	75	59	52	63	59	80	55
With mortgage	56	49	60	46	36	43	41	20	33
Without mortgage	22	15	15	13	16	20	18	60	21
Renter	22	36	25	41	48	37	41	20	45
Race of reference person:									
Black or African-American	6	13	10	13	19	9	14	10	16
White, Asian, and all other races	94	87	90	87	81	91	86	90	84
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:									
Hispanic or Latino	13	13	7	10	19	24	22	5	15
Not Hispanic or Latino	87	87	93	90	81	76	78	95	85
Education of reference person:									
Elementary (1-8)	4	3	1	1	4	9	9	9	9
High school (9-12)	31	31	13	32	44	51	57	46	44
College	65	66	86	66	51	40	34	45	47
Never attended and other	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	1
At least one vehicle owned or leased	93	91	95	91	85	90	90	86	77
Average annual expenditures	\$62,031	\$55,606	\$70,194	\$51,584	\$41,430	\$46,526	\$40,936	\$36,003	\$40,525
Food									
Food at home	12.0	12.5	11.5	13.4	13.4	13.7	13.7	13.3	14.6
Cereals and bakery products	7.1	6.9	6.0	7.4	7.7	7.9	8.5	8.8	9.7
Cereals and cereal products .....	.9	.9	.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3
Bakery products .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4	.4	.4	.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	.6	.6	.5	.7	.7	.7	.8	.9	.9
Beef	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.3
Pork .....	.5	.4	.4	.5	.5	.6	.6	.5	.6
Other meats .....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4
Poultry .....	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3
Fish and seafood .....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.4	.4	.4	.3	.4
Eggs .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.4
Dairy products .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Fresh milk and cream9	.8	.7	.8	.9	.8	.9	1.0	1.1
Other dairy products3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4	.4	.4	.5
	.5	.5	.4	.5	.5	.5	.5	.6	.7

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Item	Self-employed workers	Wage and salary earners						Retired	All other, including not reporting
		Total	Managers and professionals	Technical sales and clerical workers	Service workers	Construction workers and mechanics	Operators fabricators and laborers		
Fruits and vegetables	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.7
Fresh fruits .....	.5	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.5	.6	.6
Fresh vegetables .....	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.5	.5	.5
Processed fruits .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3
Processed vegetables .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3
Other food at home	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2
Sugar and other sweets .....	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Fats and oils .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3
Miscellaneous foods	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.6	.6	.5	.7	.8	.8	.9	.7	.9
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Food away from home	4.9	5.6	5.5	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.2	4.5	4.9
Alcoholic beverages .....	.9	.9	.9	1.1	1.0	.9	.8	.8	.8
Housing	32.0	33.4	33.4	33.1	35.1	33.3	31.9	35.6	35.8
Shelter	19.1	20.3	20.7	19.9	21.3	19.6	18.5	18.8	21.1
Owned dwellings	14.4	13.5	14.8	12.7	12.2	11.9	11.5	12.6	12.7
Mortgage interest and charges	8.3	8.2	8.9	7.8	7.6	7.2	7.3	3.3	7.8
Property taxes	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.0	2.8	3.1	2.6	4.8	3.2
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	2.5	2.0	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.6	4.4	1.7
Rented dwellings	3.4	5.4	4.0	6.1	8.4	6.7	6.5	4.6	7.4
Other lodging	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.1	.7	.9	.6	1.7	1.0
Utilities, fuels, and public services	6.6	6.8	6.0	6.9	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.2	8.4
Natural gas .....	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.2
Electricity	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.5	3.3	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.3
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.4	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4	.8	.3
Telephone services	2.0	2.2	1.9	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.5
Water and other public services .....	.8	.8	.7	.8	.9	1.0	.9	1.2	1.0
Household operations	1.9	2.0	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.2	2.3	1.7
Personal services .....	.6	.9	1.0	.9	.6	.8	.5	.5	.5
Other household expenses	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.0	.9	.9	.7	1.8	1.1
Housekeeping supplies	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.8	1.4
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.4
Other household products .....	.7	.7	.7	.6	.6	.6	.9	.9	.7
Postage and stationery .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.5	.2
Household furnishings and equipment	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.6	3.4
Household textiles .....	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3
Furniture .....	.8	.8	.9	.8	.6	.7	.5	.7	.8
Floor coverings .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	(²)	.1	.1
Major appliances .....	.3	.4	.4	.4	.4	.5	.5	.4	.4
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2
Miscellaneous household equipment	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.7	1.5
Apparel and services	3.0	3.7	3.8	3.5	4.1	3.3	3.5	2.9	4.0
Men and boys .....	.7	.9	.9	.8	1.1	.9	.7	.7	.9
Men, 16 and over .....	.5	.7	.7	.7	.9	.6	.5	.6	.7
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.3
Women and girls	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.5
Women, 16 and over	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	.7	1.0	1.3	1.2
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.3	.1	.3
Children under 2 .....	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.1	.3
Footwear .....	.4	.7	.7	.6	.7	.6	.8	.4	.8
Other apparel products and services .....	.4	.5	.6	.5	.5	.5	.4	.4	.6
Transportation	15.0	17.5	16.1	18.7	18.3	18.8	20.7	15.8	16.2
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	4.0	5.8	5.4	6.3	5.8	5.6	6.8	4.5	4.8
Cars and trucks, new	1.4	2.8	3.3	2.7	2.7	³ 1.0	2.2	2.5	1.6
Cars and trucks, used	2.2	2.7	2.0	3.4	2.8	3.8	4.1	1.7	3.0
Other vehicles	³ .4	.3	.1	.3	³ .2	³ .9	.5	³ .3	³ .2

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		Total	Managers and professionals	Technical sales and clerical workers	Service workers	Construction workers and mechanics	Operators fabricators and laborers		
Gasoline and motor oil	5.1	5.5	4.7	5.7	6.4	7.2	7.1	4.6	5.8
Other vehicle expenses	4.9	5.2	4.6	5.9	5.5	5.2	6.3	5.4	4.8
Vehicle finance charges .....	.5	.7	.6	.8	.8	.8	.9	.3	.5
Maintenance and repairs	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.4
Vehicle insurance	1.9	2.2	1.6	2.7	2.6	1.8	3.2	2.8	2.1
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	.7	.7	.8	.8	.8
Public transportation	1.0	1.0	1.3	.8	.7	.8	.5	1.3	.8
Healthcare	6.3	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.8	12.7	5.6
Health insurance	3.3	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.7	7.7	2.9
Medical services	2.0	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	2.2	1.5
Drugs .....	.8	.7	.7	.7	.8	.9	.8	2.3	1.0
Medical supplies .....	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.4	.2
Entertainment	5.3	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.2
Fees and admissions	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.2	.8	.9	.6	1.1	1.1
Audio and visual equipment and services	1.8	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.0
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.4
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	1.0	1.0	.8	1.2	.7	1.6	1.1	1.0	.7
Personal care products and services	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	.9	1.0	1.4	1.2
Reading .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.4	.2
Education	1.9	2.2	2.9	2.0	1.3	1.0	1.2	.8	2.5
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.5	.6	.3	.7	.9	1.1	1.1	.5	1.0
Miscellaneous	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.6
Cash contributions	4.2	3.0	3.3	2.6	2.7	3.2	3.1	5.4	3.5
Personal insurance and pensions	16.0	12.6	14.2	11.1	10.1	11.8	11.3	3.1	7.7
Life and other personal insurance .....	.7	.6	.7	.5	.7	.5	.4	.7	.6
Pensions and Social Security	15.3	12.0	13.6	10.6	9.4	11.3	10.9	2.4	7.0
Sources of income and personal taxes:									
Money income before taxes	\$89,675	\$73,261	\$101,521	\$61,308	\$48,020	\$60,607	\$48,739	\$34,585	\$44,534
Wages and salaries	47.9	91.7	91.6	91.8	91.2	93.5	92.1	19.1	73.2
Self-employment income	42.7	2.4	3.1	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.2	1.3	4.0
Social Security, private and government retirement	5.2	3.2	2.8	3.4	4.5	2.5	4.1	68.1	12.2
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	3.0	1.3	1.7	1.2	.8	1.0	.7	9.4	3.0
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	.2	.3	.1	.4	.3	.5	.6	.5	1.1
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	.1	.3	.1	.3	.8	.2	.6	.7	3.5
Regular contributions for support .....	.8	.5	.4	.9	.6	.3	.4	.5	2.2
Other income	3.1	.3	.2	.4	.5	3.1	.4	.4	.8
Personal taxes	1.7	3.4	4.9	2.1	.7	2.2	1.5	.4	1.4
Federal income taxes	1.8	3.3	4.3	2.5	1.3	2.5	2.1	1.3	1.6
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082)	-.8	-1.2	-.9	-1.5	-1.6	-1.6	-1.8	-1.7	-1.3
State and local income taxes .....	.3	1.0	1.1	.9	.6	.9	.9	.2	.8
Other taxes .....	.4	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.6	.3
Income after taxes	98.3	96.6	95.1	97.9	99.3	97.8	98.5	99.6	98.6

¹ Value less than or equal to 0.5.

² Value less than 0.05.

³ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.