

Text table 6. **Comparison of characteristics and average annual expenditures for selected items, Consumer Expenditure Survey (CE) and American Community Survey, (ACS) 2006–07**

Item	2006			2007		
	CE	ACS	Ratio of CE to ACS	CE	ACS	Ratio of CE to ACS
Consumer unit characteristics:						
Number of persons per unit.....	2.5	2.6	0.96	2.5	2.6	0.96
Average annual income.....	\$60,533	\$64,487	0.94	\$63,091	\$68,106	0.93
Expenditures:						
Rent.....	\$2437	\$2639	0.92	\$2491	\$2776	0.89
Utilities.....	2241	2556	0.95	2250	2551	0.88
Water.....	328	311	1.05	317	321	0.99
Electricity.....	1266	1406	0.90	1302	1449	0.90
Natural gas.....	509	709	0.72	480	652	0.74
Fuel oil and other fuels.....	138	130	1.06	151	129	1.17
All mortgages.....	5831	6909	0.84	6278	7404	0.85
Mortgage.....	5052	6299	0.80	5432	6733	0.81
Second mortgages.....	779	610	1.27	846	671	1.26
Property tax.....	1648	1373	1.20	1708	1376	1.24
Homeowner's/ renter's insurance...	352	542	0.66	350	567	0.62

SOURCE: ACS data for 2006–07 are calculated from the Public Use Microdata Samples (PUMS) file available on the Internet at www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/PUMS/index.html.