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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	91,564	25,445	27,816	14,746	13,671	6,077	3,809
Number of sample interviews	37,686	10,971	10,735	6,178	5,631	2,611	1,560
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>							
<b>Income before taxes</b> <sup>1</sup>	\$25,127	\$14,516	\$25,108	\$30,912	\$34,414	\$32,008	\$27,510
<b>Income after taxes</b> <sup>1</sup>	22,887	12,973	22,831	28,224	31,310	29,842	25,721
<b>Average number of persons in consumer unit</b>	2.6	1	2	3	4	5	6.7
<b>Age of reference person</b>	46.8	47.3	52.8	43.4	40.5	41.2	43.8
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>							
Earners	1.4	0.7	1.2	1.8	2	2.2	2.5
Vehicles	1.9	0.9	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.5
Children under 18	0.7	0	0.1	0.7	1.6	2.3	3.4
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
<b>Percent distribution:</b>							
<b>Sex of reference person:</b>							
Male	68	46	74	76	84	83	78
Female	32	54	26	24	16	17	22
<b>Housing tenure:</b>							
Homeowner with mortgage	38	13	34	52	66	56	51
Homeowner without mortgage	24	22	37	20	13	17	15
Renter	38	65	30	29	21	28	35
<b>Race of reference person:</b>							
Black	11	10	9	12	9	16	18
White and other	89	90	91	88	91	84	82
<b>Education of reference person:</b>							
Elementary (1-8)	12	14	14	8	7	9	22
High school (9-12)	43	36	44	48	44	52	48
College	44	50	41	43	48	39	27
Never attended and other	1	1	1	1	0	0	3
<b>At least one vehicle owned</b>	85	67	90	92	95	92	88
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>							
<b>Food</b>	3,477	1,870	3,371	4,090	4,706	5,022	5,768
Food at home	2,037	864	1,967	2,393	2,900	3,193	4,079
Cereals and bakery products	283	120	265	324	410	455	623

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Cereals and cereal products	89	34	77	97	134	157	237
Bakery products	194	85	188	227	275	298	387
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	579	212	558	696	832	961	1,219
Beef	194	63	187	233	290	351	364
Pork	122	43	121	150	176	205	219
Other meats	86	33	78	102	125	140	205
Poultry	83	33	77	102	115	124	208
Fish and seafood	65	27	67	73	83	91	158
Eggs	30	13	28	35	43	49	64
Dairy products	266	117	249	303	404	408	534
Fresh milk and cream	131	57	114	146	202	220	308
Other dairy products	135	61	136	157	202	188	226
Fruits and vegetables	322	157	330	369	425	457	601
Fresh fruits	96	54	100	106	120	133	173
Fresh vegetables	94	43	102	107	122	126	168
Processed fruits	78	40	76	88	105	116	148
Processed vegetables	54	20	52	68	77	82	112
Other food at home	557	246	528	674	786	873	1,067
Sugar and other sweets	77	35	73	89	103	123	169
Fats and oils	58	23	58	73	76	94	118
Miscellaneous foods	234	100	211	287	350	368	473
Nonalcoholic beverages	187	87	186	226	256	287	307
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	29	11	37	27	44	40	34
Food away from home	1,441	1,006					
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	306	302	333	310	288	262	257
<b>Housing</b>	7,087	4,564	7,140	8,227	9,265	9,072	8,167
Shelter	3,833	2,744	3,867	4,348	4,805	4,646	4,076
Owned dwellings	2,261	919	2,361	2,767	3,578	3,186	2,331
Mortgage interest and charges	1,382	476	1,260	1,750	2,506	2,099	1,715
Property taxes	438	210	559	461	540	597	375
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	441	233	542	556	532	490	241
Rented dwellings	1,180	1,623	1,068	1,035	758	1,015	1,385
Other lodging	392	202	438	546	469	445	360
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,648	973	1,658	1,926	2,194	2,228	2,117
Natural gas	275	170	279	320	358	365	333
Electricity	647	332	639	772	936	940	812
Fuel oil and other fuels	128	78	142	158	149	139	143
Telephone services	455	330	458	501	548	562	595
Water and other public services	143	64	140	176	203	221	235
Household operations	346	170	289	475	601	450	362
Personal services	153	24	60	292	366	253	230
Other household expenses	193	145	230	183	235	196	131
Housekeeping supplies	325	159	338	369	457	452	481

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Laundry and cleaning supplies	93	39	87	113	131	156	172
Other household products	132	54	139	146	212	168	201
Postage and stationery	100	66	112	110	114	128	108
Household furnishings and equipment	936	518	987	1,109	1,208	1,296	1,131
Household textiles	96	67	104	117	104	123	77
Furniture	285	168	296	308	396	367	381
Floor coverings	70	17	83	103	68	141	79
Major appliances	133	61	148	159	182	183	150
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	60	38	63	72	64	98	61
Miscellaneous household equipment	292	167	294	348	396	383	383
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,420	878	1,333	1,756	1,871	1,835	2,086
Men and boys	364	213	342	463	495	438	575
Men, 16 and over	303	208	309	382	362	301	385
Boys, 2 to 15	61	5	33	82	133	137	189
Women and girls	580	348	564	705	775	748	785
Women, 16 and over	499	341	534	617	566	503	586
Girls, 2 to 15	81	8	31	88	209	245	199
Children under 2	56	9	26	107	111	101	120
Footwear	184	114	149	226	237	298	369
Other apparel products and services	235	194	250	254	253	249	238
<b>Transportation</b>	4,587	2,475	4,388	6,015	6,472	6,148	5,369
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,043	1,046	1,833	2,910	3,101	2,675	2,074
Cars and trucks, new	1,197	597	1,126	1,764	1,810	1,479	875
Cars and trucks, used	806	391	675	1,110	1,255	1,169	1,174
Other vehicles	40	58	33	36	35	27	24
Gasoline and motor oil	1,035	537	991	1,279	1,434	1,526	1,530
Other vehicle expenses	1,241	661	1,267	1,544	1,661	1,675	1,556
Vehicle finance charges	252	106	228	355	400	348	311
Maintenance and repairs	473	285	496	544	583	631	640
Vehicle insurance	373	193	397	471	490	484	437
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	143	78	147	173	188	212	167
Public transportation	268	230	297	282	276	274	209
<b>Health care</b>	1,108	672	1,373	1,148	1,296	1,206	1,104
Health insurance	375	229	490	408	382	396	325
Medical services	496	301	559	505	675	575	529
Drugs	178	112	240	173	182	169	181
Medical supplies	60	30					
<b>Entertainment</b>	1,170	656	1,083	1,453	1,679	1,809	1,298
Fees and admissions	320	207	309	367	451	434	332
Television, radios, sound equipment	371	249	316	474	535	467	440
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	213	103	199	258	333	308	295
Other supplies, equipment, and services	266	97	259	354	359	601	232
<b>Personal care products and services</b>	303	184	310	347	406	390	365

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<b>Reading</b>	141	103	154	159	168	152	114
<b>Education</b>	321	225	185	446	469	520	636
<b>Tobacco products and smoking supplies</b>	219	120	215	274	277	332	311
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	529	321	567	624	643	672	625
<b>Cash contributions</b>	805	606	1,028	797	801	753	635
<b>Personal insurance and pensions</b>	2,016	978	1,963	2,672	3,069	2,608	2,066
Life and other personal insurance	278	94	289	344	455	418	316
Pensions and Social Security	1,738	884	1,675	2,328	2,615	2,190	1,750
<b>Sources of income and taxes: <sup>1</sup></b>							
<b>Money income before taxes</b>	25,127	14,516	25,108	30,912	34,414	32,008	27,510
Wages and salaries	19,378	10,110	16,738	26,005	30,246	26,365	22,906
Self-employment income	1,331	715	1,179	1,323	1,935	3,246	1,206
Social Security, private and government retirement	2,604	2,274	4,774	1,872	823	785	1,203
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,126	881	1,871	974	643	595	514
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	180	129	175	196	222	225	268
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	235	115	152	244	274	406	1,164
Regular contributions for support	197	212	143	222	203	318	173
Other income	75	81	74	77	67	68	77
<b>Personal taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	2,240	1,543	2,277	2,688	3,105	2,165	1,788
Federal income taxes	1,737	1,242	1,750	2,097	2,387	1,607	1,343
State and local income taxes	437	271	450	507	625	488	408
Other taxes	66	31	77	85	92	71	37
<b>Income after taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	22,887	12,973	22,831	28,224	31,310	29,842	25,721
<b>Addenda:</b>							
Net change in total assets	3,653	514	3,338	10,228	3,665	3,009	2,446
Net change in total liabilities	1,159	390	1,228	1,381	1,895	1,511	1,735
<b>Other financial information</b>							
Other money receipts	290	193	236	540	287	419	167

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Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-409	-118	-395	-568	-729	-520	-516
Estimated market value of owned home	49,426	23,349	56,303	58,619	69,696	60,090	48,049
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	313	157	343	378	439	386	308
<b>Gifts of:</b>							
Clothing, males 2 and over	61	39	79	62	68	40	76
Clothing, females 2 and over	80	60	98	85	75	83	78
Clothing, infants less than 2	23	9	24	36	29	27	28
Jewelry and watches	31	66	20	20	16	12	14
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	16	13	19	20	15	10	14
Household textiles	11	11	14	8	9	7	8
All other gifts	552	351	606	776	577	433	743

<sup>1</sup> Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary at <http://stats.bls.gov/csxgloss.htm>

**Note:** All values have been rounded, and therefore some rounded values equal zero. When data are not reported or are not applicable (i.e., missing values), values are set to zero.

**Note:** Some data are likely to have large sampling errors