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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	94,044	9,909	16,995	8,978	18,521	29,680	9,961
Number of sample interviews	40,188	3,980	7,335	3,693	7,784	12,971	4,425
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>							
<b>Income before taxes</b> <sup>1</sup>	\$25,460	\$8,265	\$17,576	\$13,396	\$24,495	\$33,687	\$42,322
<b>Income after taxes</b> <sup>1</sup>	23,172	7,960	15,474	12,818	22,325	30,584	38,635
<b>Average number of persons in consumer unit</b>	2.6	1	1	2.5	3	3.1	4.4
<b>Age of reference person</b>	46.7	69.7	36.4	62.9	45.8	40.4	47.2
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>							
Earners	1.4	0	1	0	1	2	3.4
Vehicles	2	0.6	1.1	1.3	1.9	2.6	3.6
Children under 18	0.7	0	0	0.6	1.1	1	1.2
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.8	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
<b>Percent distribution:</b>							
<b>Sex of reference person:</b>							
Male	66	26	54	66	68	81	82
Female	34	74	46	34	32	19	18
<b>Housing tenure:</b>							
Homeowner with mortgage	37	5	18	15	40	55	65
Homeowner without mortgage	25	50	12	53	25	17	19
Renter	38	44	70	31	35	29	17
<b>Race of reference person:</b>							
Black	11	12	9	15	14	9	9
White and other	89	88	91	85	86	91	91
<b>Education of reference person:</b>							
Elementary (1-8)	12	34	4	26	12	6	9
High school (9-12)	45	46	33	51	50	46	48
College	43	19	63	21	38	48	43
Never attended and other	1	1	0	2	0	0	1
<b>At least one vehicle owned</b>	85	52	78	74	88	96	98
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>							
<b>Food</b>	3,448	1,454	2,048	2,703	3,548	4,260	5,821
Food at home	1,993	973	819	1,947	2,298	2,368	3,377

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Cereals and bakery products	275	147	112	290	314	323	458
Cereals and cereal products	93	49	36	97	110	106	159
Bakery products	183	98	76	193	204	217	299
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	562	253	205	574	650	668	992
Beef	189	70	65	178	213	236	344
Pork	116	53	36	127	135	138	207
Other meats	79	36	30	81	90	94	136
Poultry	85	44	34	98	97	100	138
Fish and seafood	64	31	28	58	82	66	121
Eggs	30	18	13	33	34	35	47
Dairy products	251	117	110	243	285	298	429
Fresh milk and cream	122	58	47	132	147	141	208
Other dairy products	128	58	62	112	139	157	221
Fruits and vegetables	320	189	145	343	371	362	512
Fresh fruits	102	66	47	115	116	114	161
Fresh vegetables	92	54	43	103	105	104	148
Processed fruits	72	41	34	74	84	82	115
Processed vegetables	54	28	22	52	65	63	88
Other food at home	554	260	230	471	646	677	937
Sugar and other sweets	74	36	29	65	85	89	132
Fats and oils	51	30	18	57	58	60	85
Miscellaneous foods	236	94	98	179	276	301	389
Nonalcoholic beverages	193	100	85	170	227	226	331
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	31	7	17	27	31	41	50
Food away from home	1,455	482	1,229	756	1,250	1,892	2,444
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	271	100	356	122	231	326	319
<b>Housing</b>	7,292	3,644	5,207	4,952	7,699	9,232	10,039
Shelter	3,979	1,805	3,393	2,336	3,992	5,076	5,333
Owned dwellings	2,305	692	1,078	1,277	2,352	3,327	3,798
Mortgage interest and charges	1,431	81	697	277	1,466	2,309	2,388
Property taxes	418	263	168	448	427	499	717
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	456	348	213	552	459	519	693
Rented dwellings	1,262	1,008	2,047	811	1,236	1,203	807
Other lodging	412	104	267	248	404	546	728
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,645	1,075	969	1,524	1,799	1,910	2,400
Natural gas	248	194	120	262	279	273	378
Electricity	674	398	354	611	758	810	985
Fuel oil and other fuels	107	111	51	138	110	113	149
Telephone services	471	284	384	368	495	537	653
Water and other public services	145	89	59	144	156	177	235
Household operations	354	257	115	171	433	538	326
Personal services	168	90	10	36	199	332	89
Other household expenses	186	167	104	136	235	207	237

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Housekeeping supplies	316	183	153	282	379	371	478
Laundry and cleaning supplies	92	45	36	84	112	109	154
Other household products	126	66	55	115	153	154	183
Postage and stationery	98	72	62	83	113	108	141
Household furnishings and equipment	998	324	578	639	1,097	1,337	1,503
Household textiles	105	47	38	70	138	139	143
Furniture	304	95	161	169	357	432	394
Floor coverings	55	26	14	38	56	61	152
Major appliances	156	57	82	126	150	208	265
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	56	21	39	36	55	71	91
Miscellaneous household equipment	322	77	243	200	340	426	458
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,346	446	895	753	1,325	1,758	2,325
Men and boys	343	81	222	165	333	451	661
Men, 16 and over	278	75	215	114	246	353	558
Boys, 2 to 15	66	6	7	51	87	98	103
Women and girls	544	228	333	329	519	718	919
Women, 16 and over	472	221	323	288	418	614	798
Girls, 2 to 15	72	7	10	41	101	104	121
Children under 2	56	5	12	33	84	87	58
Footwear	167	61	87	122	170	201	332
Other apparel products and services	236	70	241	105	219	300	354
<b>Transportation</b>	4,842	954	3,232	2,245	4,742	6,540	8,917
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,338	262	1,433	799	2,367	3,289	4,444
Cars and trucks, new	1,415	200	847	463	1,348	2,050	2,685
Cars and trucks, used	893	62	551	334	998	1,198	1,708
Other vehicles	29	0	34	2	21	42	51
Gasoline and motor oil	915	248	600	574	923	1,171	1,641
Other vehicle expenses	1,342	330	959	731	1,200	1,786	2,487
Vehicle finance charges	269	21	176	61	244	401	519
Maintenance and repairs	492	137	364	345	414	630	919
Vehicle insurance	420	138	283	249	394	534	793
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	161	34	137	76	147	220	256
Public transportation	248	114	240	141	253	293	345
<b>Health care</b>	1,135	1,148	540	1,612	1,180	1,157	1,564
Health insurance	371	409	138	605	393	383	448
Medical services	502	460	288	550	508	526	784
Drugs	192	211	77	362	206	180	228
Medical supplies	69	67	37	94	73	68	104
<b>Entertainment</b>	1,149	273	807	646	1,166	1,542	1,850
Fees and admissions	308	74	277	161	293	387	517
Television, radios, sound equipment	371	113	287	231	374	484	558
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	202	63	85	113	247	294	260

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Other supplies, equipment, and services	268	23	158	141	253	377	515
<b>Personal care products and services</b>	303	136	198	219	311	378	482
<b>Reading</b>	140	72	120	104	139	166	198
<b>Education</b>	314	66	319	48	221	340	891
<b>Tobacco products and smoking supplies</b>	230	88	144	179	248	287	364
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	522	265	377	303	485	696	771
<b>Cash contributions</b>	746	471	597	798	678	886	939
<b>Personal insurance and pensions</b>	2,127	85	1,519	300	1,902	3,219	4,004
Life and other personal insurance	292	75	116	283	289	392	528
Pensions and Social Security	1,834	10	1,403	17	1,613	2,827	3,476
<b>Sources of income and taxes: <sup>1</sup></b>							
<b>Money income before taxes</b>	25,460	8,265	17,576	13,396	24,495	33,687	42,322
Wages and salaries	19,524	NA	15,112	1	16,849	29,237	37,653
Self-employment income	1,618	NA	742	12	2,739	2,206	2,209
Social Security, private and government retirement	2,555	6,051	560	9,413	2,832	998	991
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	973	1,553	600	2,399	1,051	668	617
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	208	142	101	221	232	240	299
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	273	281	27	1,163	414	113	149
Regular contributions for support	223	191	285	169	316	147	256
Other income	86	46	148	16	62	76	148
<b>Personal taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	2,288	305	2,101	578	2,170	3,103	3,687
Federal income taxes	1,812	220	1,679	452	1,705	2,465	2,918
State and local income taxes	412	61	387	52	397	560	676
Other taxes	64	24	35	74	68	78	93
<b>Income after taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	23,172	7,960	15,474	12,818	22,325	30,584	38,635
<b>Addenda:</b>							
Net change in total assets	3,241	617	2,269	-264	4,373	4,883	3,670
Net change in total liabilities	2,046	-795	1,095	-505	1,751	3,974	3,594

See footnotes at end of table.

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<b>Other financial information</b>							
Other money receipts	271	247	158	206	323	304	349
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-410	-40	-173	-132	-448	-587	-834
Estimated market value of owned home	49,642	30,325	21,315	44,716	55,308	59,751	80,972
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	309	185	133	266	338	386	485
<b>Gifts of:</b>							
Clothing, males 2 and over	55	29	50	32	45	69	81
Clothing, females 2 and over	67	29	51	48	58	89	92
Clothing, infants less than 2	23	5	12	11	26	32	33
Jewelry and watches	27	12	65	11	18	23	18
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	15	5	12	9	12	19	28
Household textiles	11	6	3	8	11	17	12
All other gifts	515	358	429	328	422	597	913

<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