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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	94,862	26,571	68,291	28,750	15,612	13,998	9,931
Number of sample interviews	37,073	10,225	26,848	11,065	6,283	5,432	4,068
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>							
<b>Income before taxes</b> <sup>1</sup>	\$28,540	\$16,090	\$33,540	\$30,444	\$33,862	\$38,944	\$34,417
<b>Income after taxes</b> <sup>1</sup>	26,149	14,588	30,793	27,635	31,083	35,875	32,350
<b>Average number of persons in consumer unit</b>	2.6	1	3.2	2	3	4	5.7
<b>Age of reference person</b>	47	48.7	46.3	53.2	43.1	39.7	40.9
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>							
Earners	1.4	0.7	1.7	1.2	1.8	2.0	2.3
Vehicles	2.0	1.0	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.6
Children under 18	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.8	1.7	2.8
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1
<b>Percent distribution:</b>							
<b>Sex of reference person:</b>							
Male	67	45	75	74	73	81	74
Female	33	55	25	26	27	19	26
<b>Housing tenure:</b>							
Homeowner with mortgage	38	16	46	33	50	62	55
Homeowner without mortgage	24	24	24	37	19	11	13
Renter	38	60	30	29	32	27	33
<b>Race of reference person:</b>							
Black	11	11	11	8	12	10	18
White and other	89	89	89	92	88	90	82
<b>Education of reference person:</b>							
Elementary (1-8)	11	12	10	12	8	7	13
High school (9-12)	45	38	47	45	52	45	48
College	44	49	42	42	40	49	38
Never attended and other	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
<b>At least one vehicle owned</b>	86	72	91	91	91	93	90
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>							
<b>Food</b>	3,748	2,087	4,398	3,600	4,402	5,207	5,550
Food at home	2,136	989	2,585	2,022	2,522	3,071	3,621
Cereals and bakery products	312	143	378	282	368	466	550

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Cereals and cereal products	109	47	134	94	126	166	217
Bakery products	203	96	245	189	242	300	333
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	551	233	676	534	650	792	960
Beef	182	67	227	174	226	283	306
Pork	110	41	137	114	126	155	195
Other meats	82	38	100	75	93	117	154
Poultry	84	37	103	82	103	116	142
Fish and seafood	65	36	76	66	69	84	109
Eggs	28	14	33	23	32	38	54
Dairy products	274	128	332	252	321	402	480
Fresh milk and cream	134	62	162	114	155	198	259
Other dairy products	141	66	170	138	165	204	221
Fruits and vegetables	373	190	445	384	433	506	554
Fresh fruits	121	63	143	128	140	156	173
Fresh vegetables	110	55	132	119	126	148	157
Processed fruits	85	45	100	81	99	118	134
Processed vegetables	57	26	70	56	68	84	90
Other food at home	625	296	754	570	750	906	1,078
Sugar and other sweets	78	34	95	69	93	115	147
Fats and oils	55	25	66	55	62	72	98
Miscellaneous foods	264	119	320	233	324	391	466
Nonalcoholic beverages	199	103	236	179	239	288	319
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	30	15	36	34	32	39	48
Food away from home	1,612	1,099	1,813	1,578	1,880	2,137	1,928
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	269	278	265	278	268	261	229
<b>Housing</b>	8,079	5,335	9,147	8,148	9,503	10,462	9,627
Shelter	4,493	3,363	4,932	4,420	5,105	5,632	5,157
Owned dwellings	2,569	1,154	3,119	2,624	3,218	3,894	3,304
Mortgage interest and charges	1,569	586	1,952	1,362	2,156	2,686	2,303
Property taxes	504	262	598	629	543	654	514
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	496	306	570	633	520	555	487
Rented dwellings	1,468	1,937	1,285	1,245	1,375	1,195	1,389
Other lodging	456	273	528	551	512	543	464
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,747	1,084	2,005	1,794	2,013	2,213	2,315
Natural gas	234	143	269	238	269	288	334
Electricity	709	395	831	734	839	946	937
Fuel oil and other fuels	98	57	114	117	100	121	116
Telephone services	537	409	587	527	601	626	681
Water and other public services	170	81	205	178	204	231	247
Household operations	394	178	478	320	511	739	517
Personal services	171	35	224	46	283	451	327
Other household expenses	223	143	254	274	228	288	190
Housekeeping supplies	361	195	426	378	456	462	466

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Laundry and cleaning supplies	101	41	124	95	126	155	162
Other household products	147	80	174	156	185	187	186
Postage and stationery	113	74	128	127	144	120	118
Household furnishings and equipment	1,083	515	1,305	1,235	1,418	1,416	1,172
Household textiles	94	45	113	110	136	102	102
Furniture	326	163	389	351	430	447	356
Floor coverings	65	19	83	80	115	76	53
Major appliances	169	81	203	190	211	245	168
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	60	28	73	70	89	72	60
Miscellaneous household equipment	369	179	443	434	438	475	433
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,489	893	1,722	1,325	1,859	2,010	2,246
Men and boys	388	208	458	350	461	564	614
Men, 16 and over	311	198	355	322	361	395	382
Boys, 2 to 15	77	10	103	28	99	169	232
Women and girls	587	345	681	508	757	790	907
Women, 16 and over	492	333	554	473	636	578	624
Girls, 2 to 15	95	11	127	35	121	212	283
Children under 2	62	11	82	32	113	120	128
Footwear	196	137	219	163	237	239	321
Other apparel products and services	257	191	282	272	291	297	276
<b>Transportation</b>	5,093	2,739	6,009	5,403	6,061	6,818	6,540
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,361	1,099	2,852	2,581	2,851	3,241	3,088
Cars and trucks, new	1,355	753	1,589	1,734	1,454	1,528	1,470
Cars and trucks, used	982	332	1,235	831	1,375	1,653	1,597
Other vehicles	23	14	27	16	23	60	21
Gasoline and motor oil	932	518	1,093	916	1,112	1,279	1,313
Other vehicle expenses	1,521	888	1,768	1,573	1,822	2,027	1,883
Vehicle finance charges	284	126	345	273	387	410	394
Maintenance and repairs	553	347	633	593	612	708	675
Vehicle insurance	508	293	591	527	602	684	630
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	177	122	199	180	220	225	184
Public transportation	279	234	296	333	276	272	257
<b>Health care</b>	1,298	834	1,478	1,607	1,409	1,425	1,287
Health insurance	474	324	533	636	462	471	432
Medical services	529	333	606	551	652	670	602
Drugs	223	135	257	328	227	199	184
Medical supplies	71	41	82	93	68	86	68
<b>Entertainment</b>	1,329	813	1,530	1,254	1,575	2,062	1,505
Fees and admissions	353	247	394	345	384	478	435
Television, radios, sound equipment	416	282	468	366	515	590	512
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	230	104	280	219	285	392	287
Other supplies, equipment, and services	330	180	388	323	390	602	270
<b>Personal care products and services</b>	334	201	385	331	407	436	438

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<b>Reading</b>	150	112	165	165	162	182	144
<b>Education</b>	342	247	379	202	389	542	645
<b>Tobacco products and smoking supplies</b>	242	140	282	238	302	309	338
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	578	363	662	614	602	819	674
<b>Cash contributions</b>	693	472	780	888	746	669	675
<b>Personal insurance and pensions</b>	2,249	1,158	2,673	2,298	2,759	3,252	2,809
Life and other personal insurance	314	110	394	371	385	443	404
Pensions and Social Security	1,935	1,048	2,280	1,927	2,375	2,809	2,406
<b>Sources of income and taxes: <sup>1</sup></b>							
<b>Money income before taxes</b>	28,540	16,090	33,540	30,444	33,862	38,944	34,417
Wages and salaries	21,779	11,068	26,082	20,381	28,162	33,724	28,667
Self-employment income	1,790	803	2,186	1,902	1,934	2,772	2,574
Social Security, private and government retirement	3,063	2,682	3,216	5,677	2,006	926	1,149
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,016	933	1,050	1,779	660	442	388
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	241	92	301	277	280	350	332
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	308	141	375	152	352	369	1,068
Regular contributions for support	258	262	256	202	372	294	185
Other income	85	111	75	75	97	67	55
<b>Personal taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	2,391	1,502	2,748	2,809	2,779	3,069	2,067
Federal income taxes	1,891	1,224	2,159	2,240	2,190	2,375	1,568
State and local income taxes	445	252	522	506	538	597	438
Other taxes	55	25	67	63	51	97	61
<b>Income after taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	26,149	14,588	30,793	27,635	31,083	35,875	32,350
<b>Addenda:</b>							
Net change in total assets	4,102	2,008	4,917	4,104	4,955	7,102	4,132
Net change in total liabilities	3,510	1,429	4,319	3,819	3,480	6,133	4,530
<b>Other financial information</b>							
Other money receipts	398	330	425	652	215	384	159

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Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-480	-170	-600	-447	-617	-804	-728
Estimated market value of owned home	57,935	30,278	68,696	68,068	65,900	73,513	68,119
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	356	192	420	413	413	452	403
<b>Gifts of:</b>							
Clothing, males 2 and over	70	43	80	104	79	55	49
Clothing, females 2 and over	80	63	86	85	122	55	79
Clothing, infants less than 2	27	11	33	29	38	39	30
Jewelry and watches	26	46	18	20	18	15	16
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	17	9	20	21	27	15	12
Household textiles	10	3	12	14	14	10	6
All other gifts	611	483	661	674	760	691	425

<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