

**Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2006**

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	118,843	22,757	27,206	42,457	26,423
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes .....	\$60,533	\$64,232	\$57,980	\$56,190	\$66,955
Income after taxes .....	58,101	61,766	55,902	54,140	63,574
Age of reference person .....	48.7	49.7	48.8	48.9	47.4
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons .....	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6
Children under 18 .....	.6	.6	.6	.7	.7
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners .....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles .....	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.9	2.1
Percent distribution:					
Sex of reference person:					
Male .....	46	45	47	44	50
Female .....	54	55	53	56	50
Housing tenure:					
Homeowner .....	67	65	70	70	63
With mortgage .....	43	40	43	43	46
Without mortgage .....	24	25	26	27	18
Renter .....	33	35	30	30	37
Race of reference person:					
Black or African-American .....	12	10	9	20	5
White, Asian, and all other races .....	88	90	91	80	95
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:					
Hispanic or Latino .....	11	9	4	13	20
Not Hispanic or Latino .....	89	91	96	87	80
Education of reference person:					
Elementary (1-8) .....	5	4	3	7	6
High school (9-12) .....	36	39	38	37	28
College .....	59	57	59	56	66
Never attended and other .....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
At least one vehicle owned or leased .....	88	79	90	89	90
Average annual expenditures .....	\$48,398	\$49,164	\$45,085	\$44,501	\$57,486
Food .....					
Food at home .....	3,417	3,463	3,260	3,134	4,018
Cereals and bakery products .....	446	477	433	407	499
Cereals and cereal products .....	143	154	134	130	162
Bakery products .....	304	323	299	277	337
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	797	818	738	764	899
Beef .....	236	218	224	231	274
Pork .....	157	141	155	163	163
Other meats .....	105	120	114	90	107
Poultry .....	141	167	115	137	150
Fish and seafood .....	122	135	102	109	153
Eggs .....	37	37	29	33	50
Dairy products .....	368	380	365	328	429
Fresh milk and cream .....	140	141	133	136	155
Other dairy products .....	228	239	232	193	274
Fruits and vegetables .....	592	635	530	512	758
Fresh fruits .....	195	208	180	157	265
Fresh vegetables .....	193	211	163	172	245
Processed fruits .....	109	123	101	90	139
Processed vegetables .....	95	92	86	93	109

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other food at home .....	\$1,212	\$1,153	\$1,193	\$1,123	\$1,433
Sugar and other sweets .....	125	125	132	114	134
Fats and oils .....	86	86	81	80	100
Miscellaneous foods .....	627	582	625	570	762
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	332	318	317	326	372
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	43	42	38	33	64
Food away from home .....	2,694	2,757	2,503	2,515	3,140
Alcoholic beverages .....	497	519	523	366	667
Housing .....	16,366	17,682	14,660	14,457	20,061
Shelter .....	9,673	11,035	8,220	7,876	12,885
Owned dwellings .....	6,516	7,291	5,868	5,347	8,395
Mortgage interest and charges .....	3,753	3,609	3,109	3,088	5,607
Property taxes .....	1,649	2,520	1,709	1,189	1,575
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses .....	1,115	1,162	1,050	1,070	1,213
Rented dwellings .....	2,590	3,042	1,812	2,143	3,719
Other lodging .....	567	701	540	387	770
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	3,397	3,584	3,283	3,554	3,101
Natural gas .....	509	658	775	312	423
Electricity .....	1,266	1,175	1,057	1,588	1,042
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	138	404	108	56	71
Telephone services .....	1,087	1,051	998	1,167	1,081
Water and other public services .....	397	296	345	431	485
Household operations .....	948	932	926	863	1,120
Personal services .....	393	407	469	337	390
Other household expenses .....	555	525	457	525	730
Housekeeping supplies .....	640	583	606	660	691
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	151	125	132	168	166
Other household products .....	330	303	323	357	316
Postage and stationery .....	159	155	152	135	209
Household furnishings and equipment .....	1,708	1,548	1,624	1,504	2,264
Household textiles .....	154	125	150	135	213
Furniture .....	463	347	415	419	684
Floor coverings .....	48	71	43	39	45
Major appliances .....	241	229	197	223	328
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	109	98	91	106	141
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	693	678	727	582	853
Apparel and services .....	1,874	2,057	1,700	1,737	2,126
Men and boys .....	444	479	394	429	490
Men, 16 and over .....	353	386	314	327	407
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	91	93	80	102	83
Women and girls .....	751	812	726	690	827
Women, 16 and over .....	629	680	611	565	709
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	122	132	115	125	118
Children under 2 .....	96	92	97	88	109
Footwear .....	304	358	256	279	349
Other apparel products and services .....	280	316	227	250	350
Transportation .....	8,508	7,819	7,502	8,497	10,156
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	3,421	2,894	2,730	3,643	4,230
Cars and trucks, new .....	1,798	1,617	1,317	1,889	2,303
Cars and trucks, used .....	1,568	1,239	1,369	1,716	1,821
Other vehicles .....	54	38	44	38	106
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2,227	1,910	2,142	2,356	2,382

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other vehicle expenses .....	\$2,355	\$2,386	\$2,225	\$2,182	\$2,741
Vehicle finance charges .....	298	237	250	338	335
Maintenance and repairs .....	688	651	625	650	847
Vehicle insurance .....	886	860	824	874	994
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges .....	482	638	526	320	565
Public transportation .....	505	629	405	316	804
Healthcare .....	2,766	2,591	2,816	2,775	2,853
Health insurance .....	1,465	1,462	1,505	1,459	1,437
Medical services .....	670	596	697	614	798
Drugs .....	514	412	500	594	489
Medical supplies .....	117	122	114	109	129
Entertainment .....	2,376	2,346	2,261	2,096	2,970
Fees and admissions .....	606	662	599	442	829
Audio and visual equipment and services .....	906	919	830	890	1,001
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment .....	412	409	388	388	481
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	451	356	444	377	658
Personal care products and services .....	585	557	537	571	681
Reading .....	117	132	129	85	144
Education .....	888	1,080	951	707	948
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	327	331	355	336	279
Miscellaneous .....	846	883	805	727	1,051
Cash contributions .....	1,869	1,470	1,902	1,762	2,350
Personal insurance and pensions .....	5,270	5,477	5,179	4,736	6,042
Life and other personal insurance .....	322	334	344	313	304
Pensions and Social Security .....	4,948	5,144	4,835	4,423	5,738
Sources of income and personal taxes:					
Money income before taxes .....	60,533	64,232	57,980	56,190	66,955
Wages and salaries .....	48,119	51,649	45,289	44,582	53,678
Self-employment income .....	3,607	3,849	3,105	3,233	4,518
Social Security, private and government retirement .....	6,139	5,826	6,414	6,154	6,102
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income .....	1,486	1,485	2,151	1,145	1,351
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	207	288	186	165	225
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	340	327	292	348	388
Regular contributions for support .....	409	486	341	388	446
Other income .....	225	321	201	174	247
Personal taxes .....	2,432	2,466	2,078	2,051	3,381
Federal income taxes .....	1,711	1,620	1,319	1,539	2,471
State and local income taxes .....	519	610	500	343	742
Other taxes .....	202	236	259	169	167
Income after taxes .....	58,101	61,766	55,902	54,140	63,574

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Addenda:					
Net change in total assets and liabilities .....	- \$7,053	- \$8,560	- \$3,149	- \$3,598	- \$15,328
Net change in total assets .....	11,120	9,051	8,608	9,206	18,561
Net change in total liabilities .....	18,173	17,611	11,757	12,805	33,889
Other financial information:					
Other money receipts .....	613	443	499	625	858
Mortgage principal paid on owned property .....	-2,080	-2,042	-2,113	-1,703	-2,683
Estimated market value of owned home .....	183,212	204,943	136,484	135,230	289,703
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home ....	873	966	750	790	1,053
Gifts of goods and services .....	1,154	1,096	1,247	910	1,503
Food .....	117	129	126	94	135
Alcoholic beverages .....	17	17	33	9	16
Housing .....	264	201	266	186	441
Housekeeping supplies .....	28	19	30	23	40
Household textiles .....	11	10	14	12	9
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	25	30	29	18	29
Major appliances .....	10	12	9	5	15
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	16	18	20	13	14
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	49	48	67	30	63
Other housing .....	150	94	126	102	300
Apparel and services .....	247	270	255	229	247
Males, 2 and over .....	60	57	58	59	65
Females, 2 and over .....	83	89	96	77	74
Children under 2 .....	52	60	53	44	58
Other apparel products and services .....	52	65	47	49	50
Jewelry and watches .....	26	36	28	22	22
All other apparel products and services .....	26	28	19	28	28
Transportation .....	70	56	77	47	114
Health care .....	41	47	36	15	81
Entertainment .....	76	62	96	49	114
Toys, games, arts and crafts, and tricycles .....	24	25	27	24	20
Other entertainment .....	52	37	69	25	93
Personal care products and services .....	16	9	21	13	22
Reading .....	1	1	1	1	1
Education .....	210	229	265	186	176
All other gifts .....	94	76	71	81	156

<sup>1</sup> Value less than or equal to 0.5.