

**Table 4. Size of consumer unit: Average annual expenditures and characteristics,
Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1987**

Item	All consumer units	One person	Two Persons	Three Persons	Four persons	Five persons	Six or more persons
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	94,150	26,783	28,083	15,660	13,551	6,578	3,495
Number of sample interviews	41,925	11,732	12,285	7,070	6,116	3,000	1,722
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes ¹	\$27,326	\$15,006	\$28,990	\$33,055	\$38,282	\$35,141	\$29,458
Income after taxes ¹	24,871	13,577	26,325	30,149	34,521	32,617	27,689
Average number of persons in consumer unit	2.6	1	2	3	4	5	6.7
Age of reference person	47	49.3	52.7	42.9	40.2	40	42.7
Average number in consumer unit:							
Earners	1.4	0.6	1.2	1.8	2	2.2	2.5
Vehicles	2	1	2.1	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.7
Children under 18	0.7	0	0.1	0.8	1.6	2.5	3.5
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male	67	42	75	72	81	82	75
Female	33	58	25	28	19	18	25
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner with mortgage	38	14	34	51	61	58	54
Homeowner without mortgage	25	27	36	19	13	14	13
Renter	38	59	30	31	26	29	33
Race of reference person:							
Black	11	9	9	12	11	14	20
White and other	89	91	91	88	89	86	80
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	12	14	13	9	7	7	19
High school (9-12)	45	37	46	51	47	47	49
College	43	48	40	40	46	45	31
Never attended and other	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
At least one vehicle owned	86	70	92	92	93	93	86
Average annual expenditures:							
Food	3,664	1,988	3,585	4,209	5,053	5,624	5,605
Food at home	2,099	981	1,996	2,456	3,066	3,401	3,687
Cereals and bakery products	299	139	275	342	455	491	545

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Cereals and cereal products	104	44	91	116	165	192	223
Bakery products	194	95	184	226	291	299	322
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	572	239	551	685	837	962	1,028
Beef	191	72	179	235	289	344	343
Pork	116	47	118	144	165	169	198
Other meats	83	33	74	102	134	150	142
Poultry	87	40	84	101	124	149	159
Fish and seafood	66	33	70	70	86	102	122
Eggs	28	13	27	33	38	47	63
Dairy products	274	130	249	319	411	458	517
Fresh milk and cream	132	61	114	156	199	228	280
Other dairy products	142	69	135	163	212	230	237
Fruits and vegetables	356	188	358	389	486	546	604
Fresh fruits	113	65	118	114	152	161	188
Fresh vegetables	110	57	112	126	148	163	192
Processed fruits	78	42	74	87	111	122	129
Processed vegetables	55	25	54	63	75	100	94
Other food at home	567	272	526	682	838	899	967
Sugar and other sweets	74	35	71	83	108	126	134
Fats and oils	51	23	53	57	71	77	89
Miscellaneous foods	248	118	210	312	380	410	452
Nonalcoholic beverages	194	96	192	231	279	286	292
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	31	13	37	39	39	45	26
Food away from home	1,565	1,007	1,589	1,753	1,987	2,223	1,918
Alcoholic beverages	289	261	305	294	305	328	212
Housing	7,569	5,039	7,551	8,653	10,065	9,493	8,949
Shelter	4,154	3,080	4,108	4,626	5,288	5,000	4,651
Owned dwellings	2,375	1,056	2,412	2,937	3,606	3,428	2,914
Mortgage interest and charges	1,461	519	1,285	1,968	2,536	2,337	2,017
Property taxes	464	232	581	508	563	620	441
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	449	305	546	461	506	472	456
Rented dwellings	1,345	1,763	1,198	1,195	1,076	1,169	1,376
Other lodging	434	261	498	494	605	402	362
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,671	1,036	1,695	1,968	2,114	2,209	2,274
Natural gas	232	144	234	270	292	306	349
Electricity	692	387	709	826	912	968	926
Fuel oil and other fuels	94	62	104	105	108	116	105
Telephone services	499	367	489	587	590	598	658
Water and other public services	153	76	158	179	211	222	236
Household operations	371	178	275	508	687	619	318
Personal services	170	27	44	297	433	434	202
Other household expenses	201	151	232	211	254	185	116
Housekeeping supplies	341	186	361	365	495	439	486

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Laundry and cleaning supplies	97	44	99	109	146	139	164
Other household products	139	62	151	151	214	180	208
Postage and stationery	105	80	110	105	135	121	113
Household furnishings and equipment	1,032	560	1,112	1,185	1,481	1,226	1,219
Household textiles	91	45	109	117	117	94	70
Furniture	315	158	345	341	487	405	335
Floor coverings	69	32	55	119	118	51	85
Major appliances	160	86	175	171	196	225	290
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	57	32	66	61	80	65	52
Miscellaneous household equipment	340	207	363	377	482	386	386
Apparel and services	1,446	884	1,401	1,619	1,985	1,945	2,291
Men and boys	361	184	341	421	521	515	705
Men, 16 and over	295	176	309	348	379	334	456
Boys, 2 to 15	66	7	31	73	142	180	249
Women and girls	591	416	574	623	774	784	852
Women, 16 and over	510	404	547	538	577	536	596
Girls, 2 to 15	81	12	27	85	197	248	256
Children under 2	58	11	28	112	115	84	133
Footwear	184	101	171	187	278	281	370
Other apparel products and services	251	172	287	277	298	281	230
Transportation	4,600	2,521	4,622	5,800	6,383	5,960	5,506
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,022	1,011	1,950	2,719	3,008	2,584	2,337
Cars and trucks, new	1,143	552	1,236	1,613	1,645	1,077	997
Cars and trucks, used	860	446	705	1,082	1,340	1,459	1,300
Other vehicles	18	13	10	23	23	48	40
Gasoline and motor oil	888	467	897	1,068	1,218	1,261	1,260
Other vehicle expenses	1,417	782	1,472	1,744	1,903	1,855	1,664
Vehicle finance charges	280	129	270	384	420	395	311
Maintenance and repairs	514	290	548	602	672	667	674
Vehicle insurance	462	269	483	567	604	583	527
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	160	95	172	190	207	210	152
Public transportation	273	260	302	270	255	260	244
Health care	1,135	695	1,423	1,221	1,198	1,283	1,268
Health insurance	392	253	514	404	398	411	349
Medical services	467	270	527	543	533	602	631
Drugs	203	130	287	199	186	197	187
Medical supplies	73	42	95	74	81	73	101
Entertainment	1,193	718	1,117	1,391	1,756	1,575	1,651
Fees and admissions	323	216	309	350	476	413	372
Television, radios, sound equipment	379	239	351	475	523	481	493
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	218	103	205	268	336	334	319
Other supplies, equipment, and services	273	160	253	298	421	347	468
Personal care products and services	330	199	344	381	428	428	417

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Reading	142	108	156	150	173	147	127
Education	337	269	208	344	494	676	632
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	232	126	230	302	296	327	327
Miscellaneous	562	368	601	610	669	655	934
Cash contributions	741	482	970	809	755	615	766
Personal insurance and pensions	2,175	1,033	2,248	2,765	3,194	2,918	2,330
Life and other personal insurance	294	93	322	381	433	448	391
Pensions and Social Security	1,881	941	1,926	2,384	2,761	2,470	1,939
Sources of income and taxes: ¹							
Money income before taxes	27,326	15,006	28,990	33,055	38,282	35,141	29,458
Wages and salaries	20,613	9,945	19,486	27,005	32,117	30,372	23,482
Self-employment income	1,821	509	1,848	2,337	3,608	2,342	1,898
Social Security, private and government retirement	2,941	2,837	5,221	1,898	914	879	1,609
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,115	1,135	1,774	711	695	325	522
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	209	90	253	278	203	318	308
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	294	119	173	387	418	524	1,342
Regular contributions for support	232	258	145	331	228	300	167
Other income	102	113	90	108	99	80	130
Personal taxes ¹	2,455	1,429	2,665	2,906	3,761	2,523	1,768
Federal income taxes	1,951	1,154	2,143	2,317	2,967	1,899	1,308
State and local income taxes	454	248	459	546	724	553	407
Other taxes	50	27	62	42	71	72	54
Income after taxes ¹	24,871	13,577	26,325	30,149	34,521	32,617	27,689
Addenda:							
Net change in total assets	4,608	2,752	5,442	3,279	9,228	2,356	4,407
Net change in total liabilities	1,486	300	1,795	2,195	4,403	-1,528	-722
Other financial information							
Other money receipts	316	203	402	471	323	102	169

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Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-434	-154	-396	-601	-708	-650	-675
Estimated market value of owned home	52,599	28,223	61,292	59,336	68,440	64,032	56,435
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	333	188	377	382	432	402	364
Gifts of:							
Clothing, males 2 and over	58	41	74	67	53	44	60
Clothing, females 2 and over	75	61	90	74	82	66	62
Clothing, infants less than 2	25	11	26	40	32	21	35
Jewelry and watches	23	36	17	25	16	13	8
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	16	11	21	18	18	15	9
Household textiles	12	7	15	12	17	9	3
All other gifts	540	417	664	599	508	474	470

¹ 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