

Table 58. Size of consumer unit: Shares of annual aggregate expenditures and sources of income, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2008

(Aggregates in millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

Item	Aggregate	One person	Two or more persons				
			Total	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five or more persons
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	120,770	35,064	85,706	39,629	17,982	16,514	11,580
Percent distribution of consumer units	100.0	29.0	71.0	32.8	14.9	13.7	9.6
Consumer unit characteristics (mean values):							
Income before taxes	\$63,563	\$32,994	\$76,068	\$68,168	\$77,032	\$87,390	\$85,464
Income after taxes	61,774	31,789	74,041	65,755	74,618	85,501	85,156
Age of reference person	49.1	52.6	47.6	53.9	44.0	41.1	41.5
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	2.5	1.0	3.1	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.6
Children under 18 .....	.6	n.a.	.9	.1	.8	1.6	2.7
Persons 65 and older .....	.3	.3	.3	.5	.2	.1	.1
Earners	1.3	.6	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.9	2.2
Vehicles	2.0	1.1	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.5
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male	47	47	47	51	43	44	42
Female	53	53	53	49	57	56	58
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner	66	49	74	75	69	75	72
With mortgage	42	24	50	42	51	63	58
Without mortgage	24	25	24	34	18	12	14
Renter	34	51	26	25	31	25	28
Race of reference person:							
Black or African-American	12	13	12	10	14	12	14
White, Asian, and all other races	88	87	88	90	86	88	86
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:							
Hispanic or Latino	12	7	13	8	15	17	25
Not Hispanic or Latino	88	93	87	92	85	83	75
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	5	5	5	4	3	4	8
High school (9-12)	35	34	35	34	38	33	39
College	60	60	60	61	59	63	53
Never attended and other	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	89	77	94	93	92	95	95
Annual aggregate expenditures	\$6,094,697	17.3	82.7	34.7	17.6	17.6	12.8
Food							
Food at home	776,825	16.1	83.9	32.3	17.9	18.3	15.4
Cereals and bakery products	451,454	15.1	84.9	32.1	18.3	18.0	16.4
Cereals and cereal products	61,119	14.8	85.2	31.1	17.9	19.0	17.1
Bakery products	20,448	13.6	86.4	30.2	18.6	18.8	18.7
Bakery products	40,671	15.4	84.6	31.6	17.6	19.1	16.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	102,033	14.3	85.7	32.2	18.7	17.4	17.4
Beef	28,799	13.2	86.8	31.9	19.5	16.9	18.4
Pork	19,649	13.6	86.4	33.0	18.2	18.1	17.1
Other meats	12,837	14.1	85.9	33.4	17.3	18.4	16.7
Poultry	19,175	14.0	86.0	31.2	19.9	17.4	17.5
Fish and seafood	15,417	16.8	83.2	32.2	17.7	16.8	16.5
Eggs	6,156	16.3	83.7	30.7	18.4	16.9	17.6
Dairy products	51,786	15.7	84.3	31.7	18.0	18.5	16.2
Fresh milk and cream	20,269	15.6	84.4	29.5	18.1	19.2	17.6
Other dairy products	31,518	15.7	84.3	33.2	17.9	18.0	15.3

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(Aggregates in millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

Item	Aggregate	One person	Two or more persons				
			Total	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five or more persons
Fruits and vegetables	\$79,194	15.9	84.1	33.0	18.3	17.2	15.6
Fresh fruits	26,756	15.7	84.3	33.0	18.7	17.2	15.4
Fresh vegetables	25,542	16.0	84.0	35.3	17.4	16.4	14.9
Processed fruits	14,032	17.0	83.0	30.2	18.3	18.2	16.3
Processed vegetables	12,864	15.1	84.9	31.7	19.1	17.5	16.6
Other food at home	157,321	15.2	84.8	32.1	18.3	18.3	16.1
Sugar and other sweets	15,580	15.2	84.8	33.7	17.2	17.3	16.5
Fats and oils	12,595	15.6	84.4	33.2	18.2	17.0	16.1
Miscellaneous foods	81,963	15.4	84.6	31.1	18.4	18.8	16.4
Nonalcoholic beverages	41,289	15.0	85.0	31.6	18.7	18.5	16.1
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	5,894	14.7	85.3	42.7	16.6	15.3	10.7
Food away from home	325,371	17.5	82.5	32.5	17.3	18.7	14.0
Alcoholic beverages	53,558	24.2	75.8	39.3	15.0	12.4	9.2
Housing	2,065,912	19.5	80.5	33.3	17.1	17.7	12.4
Shelter	1,229,818	21.4	78.6	32.7	16.5	17.6	11.8
Owned dwellings	816,456	15.8	84.2	33.6	17.2	20.3	13.0
Mortgage interest and charges	462,120	13.7	86.3	29.6	18.3	23.4	15.0
Property taxes	212,347	16.9	83.1	37.3	16.3	17.8	11.6
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	141,988	21.0	79.0	41.2	15.2	13.9	8.7
Rented dwellings	329,033	37.1	62.9	26.5	14.5	12.0	9.9
Other lodging	84,330	14.4	85.6	47.4	17.0	13.8	7.5
Utilities, fuels, and public services	440,720	18.0	82.0	34.2	17.2	17.4	13.3
Natural gas	64,158	18.6	81.4	34.6	15.9	17.3	13.7
Electricity	163,444	17.9	82.1	33.8	17.4	17.5	13.4
Fuel oil and other fuels	23,163	19.8	80.2	44.5	14.0	12.9	8.9
Telephone services	136,089	18.1	81.9	32.6	18.3	17.8	13.3
Water and other public services	53,865	16.9	83.1	34.3	16.8	17.9	14.1
Household operations	120,468	14.9	85.1	29.1	19.3	22.8	13.9
Personal services	46,280	5.6	94.4	15.1	25.0	34.1	20.1
Other household expenses	74,189	20.7	79.3	37.8	15.7	15.8	10.0
Housekeeping supplies	78,880	15.2	84.8	35.0	18.0	17.8	14.0
Laundry and cleaning supplies	17,821	15.0	85.0	31.5	18.7	17.1	17.7
Other household products	42,224	12.8	87.2	34.3	17.8	19.7	15.4
Postage and stationery	18,834	20.9	79.1	40.1	17.7	14.0	7.4
Household furnishings and equipment	196,026	15.5	84.5	36.8	19.5	15.7	12.4
Household textiles	15,234	13.6	86.4	41.9	18.0	17.4	9.2
Furniture	46,812	15.7	84.3	33.8	20.9	16.5	13.1
Floor coverings	5,383	11.0	89.0	44.7	22.4	16.1	5.9
Major appliances	24,651	13.2	86.8	36.8	19.0	18.1	12.9
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	13,616	19.8	80.2	40.1	15.6	14.2	10.4
Miscellaneous household equipment	90,330	16.0	84.0	36.6	19.6	14.5	13.2
Apparel and services	217,176	14.7	85.3	31.4	20.0	18.0	15.9
Men and boys	51,483	13.4	86.6	30.2	20.5	18.5	17.4
Men, 16 and over	41,502	15.7	84.3	34.3	21.0	14.9	14.1
Boys, 2 to 15	9,981	3.7	96.3	13.2	18.6	33.7	30.8
Women and girls	86,595	15.4	84.6	33.1	19.4	16.4	15.8
Women, 16 and over	71,960	17.6	82.4	36.7	19.7	14.2	11.8
Girls, 2 to 15	14,635	4.4	95.6	15.6	17.9	26.9	35.1
Children under 2	11,185	5.1	94.9	16.0	29.9	25.3	23.7
Footwear	37,909	14.5	85.5	29.8	20.0	19.5	16.2
Other apparel products and services	30,004	19.2	80.8	36.4	16.9	17.0	10.4

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			Total	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five or more persons
Transportation	\$1,038,811	14.9	85.1	35.2	18.7	18.1	13.0
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	332,698	12.8	87.2	35.6	20.8	17.6	13.2
Cars and trucks, new	157,600	12.3	87.7	40.1	20.2	17.0	10.4
Cars and trucks, used	158,872	13.3	86.7	31.6	20.7	18.2	16.1
Other vehicles	16,225	12.8	87.2	30.9	27.4	16.4	12.5
Gasoline and motor oil	327,872	14.8	85.2	33.7	18.0	19.2	14.3
Other vehicle expenses	316,280	16.8	83.2	35.6	17.6	18.3	11.8
Vehicle finance charges	37,717	11.3	88.7	33.0	19.2	21.4	15.1
Maintenance and repairs	88,214	17.6	82.4	36.1	16.7	17.6	12.0
Vehicle insurance	134,230	18.0	82.0	35.8	17.6	17.6	10.9
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges	56,120	16.2	83.8	35.9	17.7	18.6	11.5
Public transportation	61,961	17.8	82.2	39.7	16.5	15.0	11.1
Healthcare	359,365	17.7	82.3	43.8	14.7	13.9	9.8
Health insurance	199,678	18.8	81.2	43.7	14.5	14.1	8.9
Medical services	87,755	15.5	84.5	42.3	14.7	15.0	12.5
Drugs	58,197	17.8	82.2	47.0	15.0	11.5	8.8
Medical supplies	13,734	16.9	83.1	40.8	17.2	15.1	10.0
Entertainment	342,185	16.9	83.1	36.9	16.2	17.6	12.4
Fees and admissions	74,337	15.2	84.8	31.8	17.5	20.7	14.9
Audio and visual equipment and services	125,111	19.4	80.6	35.6	17.4	16.7	11.0
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment	84,872	17.5	82.5	42.0	13.9	16.3	10.4
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	57,865	12.8	87.2	39.0	15.5	17.2	15.5
Personal care products and services	74,300	18.2	81.8	34.2	17.9	17.2	12.5
Reading	14,030	21.9	78.1	40.6	15.7	13.6	8.1
Education	126,275	16.7	83.3	27.2	20.0	21.2	14.9
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	38,244	19.7	80.3	33.8	19.8	15.1	11.7
Miscellaneous	101,374	19.3	80.7	37.4	17.9	15.3	10.2
Cash contributions	209,721	22.0	78.0	39.3	16.1	12.6	10.1
Personal insurance and pensions	676,923	13.6	86.4	35.7	18.8	19.2	12.7
Life and other personal insurance	38,264	9.9	90.1	43.6	18.7	16.4	11.4
Pensions and Social Security	638,659	13.8	86.2	35.2	18.8	19.4	12.8
Sources of income and personal taxes:							
Money income before taxes	7,676,460	15.1	84.9	35.2	18.0	18.8	12.9
Wages and salaries	6,160,177	13.0	87.0	32.2	19.3	21.1	14.3
Self-employment income	388,778	13.0	87.0	36.0	17.7	17.9	15.5
Social Security, private and government retirement	794,300	27.6	72.4	56.3	9.4	4.1	2.6
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property	182,259	25.8	74.2	50.1	11.9	9.1	3.1
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	27,198	19.1	80.9	35.3	22.2	11.4	12.0
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	44,800	22.3	77.7	22.6	18.0	15.1	22.0
Regular contributions for support	53,864	27.4	72.6	20.3	21.8	20.9	9.6
Other income	25,084	36.6	63.4	26.4	15.2	10.3	11.5

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			Total	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five or more persons
Personal taxes	\$216,057	19.6	80.4	44.3	20.1	14.4	1.7
Federal income taxes	219,443	18.3	81.7	41.8	19.6	15.5	4.8
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082)	-94,645	13.5	86.5	32.4	17.9	20.0	16.3
State and local income taxes	65,485	15.4	84.6	36.8	19.4	19.2	9.2
Other taxes	25,774	18.3	81.7	40.9	17.9	13.7	9.3
Income after taxes	7,460,402	14.9	85.1	34.9	18.0	18.9	13.2

¹ Value less than or equal to 0.5.