

Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1998

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	107,182	20,886	25,348	37,339	23,609
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes ¹	\$41,622	\$45,333	\$40,920	\$38,397	\$44,036
Income after taxes ¹	38,358	42,015	37,627	35,776	39,921
Age of reference person	47.6	48.7	48.1	47.5	46.3
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6
Children under 187	.6	.7	.7	.7
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.9	2.0
Percent distribution:					
Sex of reference person:					
Male	58	58	60	56	59
Female	42	42	40	44	41
Housing tenure:					
Homeowner	64	61	69	67	58
With mortgage	39	35	40	39	39
Without mortgage	26	25	29	28	19
Renter	36	39	31	33	42
Race of reference person:					
Black	12	11	9	19	5
White and other	88	89	91	81	95
Education of reference person:					
Elementary (1-8)	7	6	5	8	7
High school (9-12)	39	39	43	41	31
College	54	54	53	51	61
Never attended and other	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	1
At least one vehicle owned or leased	87	79	89	89	88
Average annual expenditures	\$35,535	\$37,535	\$34,513	\$32,958	\$38,938
Food					
Food at home	4,810	5,146	4,737	4,450	5,159
Cereals and bakery products	2,780	2,917	2,725	2,592	3,016
Cereals and cereal products	425	461	431	386	448
Bakery products	146	158	150	128	162
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	278	303	281	258	286
Beef	723	785	687	710	729
Pork	218	234	226	207	215
Other meats	146	146	149	153	131
Poultry	92	105	99	83	87
Fish and seafood	137	155	112	137	146
Eggs	98	113	73	97	112
Dairy products	32	33	27	32	38
Fruits and vegetables	301	324	301	273	327
Fresh fruits	120	121	121	112	132
Fresh vegetables	181	203	180	161	196
Processed fruits	472	514	445	425	539
Processed vegetables	149	161	145	126	180
Other dairy products	145	161	129	131	171
Fruits and vegetables	101	113	96	92	111
Dairy products	76	80	75	75	77

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other food at home	\$858	\$833	\$862	\$798	\$973
Sugar and other sweets	109	109	115	95	125
Fats and oils	77	77	75	75	82
Miscellaneous foods	388	362	387	365	450
Nonalcoholic beverages	231	226	234	222	247
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	53	58	51	42	70
Food away from home	2,030	2,229	2,011	1,859	2,144
Alcoholic beverages	309	368	284	249	378
Housing	11,713	13,173	11,035	10,321	13,354
Shelter	6,680	8,042	6,043	5,392	8,198
Owned dwellings	4,245	5,105	4,108	3,387	4,989
Mortgage interest and charges	2,455	2,616	2,168	2,051	3,259
Property taxes	1,015	1,662	1,090	687	884
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	775	828	851	649	845
Rented dwellings	1,978	2,356	1,517	1,638	2,675
Other lodging	458	581	417	368	534
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,405	2,460	2,401	2,519	2,179
Natural gas	284	373	401	171	258
Electricity	921	831	854	1,143	723
Fuel oil and other fuels	85	225	70	48	36
Telephone services	830	814	801	858	828
Water and other public services	285	217	274	299	334
Household operations	546	504	496	551	627
Personal services	260	254	273	251	264
Other household expenses	286	250	224	300	364
Housekeeping supplies	482	446	475	488	514
Laundry and cleaning supplies	118	105	128	110	130
Other household products	232	197	204	272	232
Postage and stationery	132	143	143	106	151
Household furnishings and equipment	1,601	1,721	1,620	1,371	1,837
Household textiles	105	105	96	85	148
Furniture	377	411	351	317	471
Floor coverings	144	157	233	103	101
Major appliances	164	189	149	172	145
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	80	81	73	78	91
Miscellaneous household equipment	729	778	717	616	881
Apparel and services	1,674	1,848	1,624	1,623	1,652
Men and boys	399	462	414	352	399
Men, 16 and over	314	367	333	265	323
Boys, 2 to 15	85	95	81	87	76
Women and girls	651	686	638	655	628
Women, 16 and over	548	580	528	559	523
Girls, 2 to 15	103	107	110	96	105
Children under 2	73	57	59	88	79
Footwear	281	299	298	268	266
Other apparel products and services	270	345	215	258	281
Transportation	6,616	6,540	6,290	6,612	7,039
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,964	2,816	2,774	3,242	2,860
Cars and trucks, new	1,383	1,475	1,107	1,518	1,385
Cars and trucks, used	1,532	1,323	1,618	1,656	1,430
Other vehicles	49	318	49	69	45
Gasoline and motor oil	1,017	896	1,034	1,035	1,077

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other vehicle expenses	\$2,206	\$2,216	\$2,149	\$2,024	\$2,545
Vehicle finance charges	319	247	318	368	308
Maintenance and repairs	641	574	615	629	746
Vehicle insurance	739	822	680	683	816
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	507	572	535	345	675
Public transportation	429	612	333	311	557
Health care	1,903	1,773	2,008	1,985	1,774
Health insurance	913	909	946	940	839
Medical services	542	464	550	570	559
Drugs	346	299	383	386	284
Medical supplies	102	102	130	89	92
Entertainment	1,746	1,772	1,850	1,521	1,964
Fees and admissions	449	516	427	365	545
Television, radios, sound equipment	535	603	513	492	565
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	329	328	377	295	334
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	433	325	533	370	520
Personal care products and services	401	395	368	402	441
Reading	161	201	170	125	173
Education	580	815	598	409	622
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	273	301	315	274	202
Miscellaneous	860	887	855	723	1,059
Cash contributions	1,109	888	1,089	1,113	1,322
Personal insurance and pensions	3,381	3,427	3,291	3,152	3,798
Life and other personal insurance	398	445	397	416	330
Pensions and Social Security	2,982	2,982	2,894	2,736	3,468
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹					
Money income before taxes	41,622	45,333	40,920	38,397	44,036
Wages and salaries	32,889	36,419	32,663	30,359	33,987
Self-employment income	2,239	2,301	1,953	1,816	3,075
Social Security, private and government retirement	4,618	4,739	4,610	4,768	4,318
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	871	838	733	676	1,311
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	193	255	139	144	266
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	330	342	356	252	411
Regular contributions for support	260	239	224	253	320
Other income	221	200	242	129	349
Personal taxes	3,264	3,319	3,294	2,622	4,115
Federal income taxes	2,472	2,352	2,357	2,128	3,172
State and local income taxes	630	689	790	366	809
Other taxes	162	278	147	129	134
Income after taxes	38,358	42,015	37,627	35,776	39,921

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Addenda:					
Net change in total assets and liabilities	- \$1,919	- \$2,490	- \$2,982	\$395	- \$3,929
Net change in total assets	6,116	5,700	4,370	5,397	9,494
Net change in total liabilities	8,035	8,191	7,352	5,003	13,424
Other financial information:					
Other money receipts	463	398	535	441	477
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-1,160	-1,200	-1,157	-1,134	-1,167
Estimated market value of owned home	80,523	91,991	73,048	65,099	102,796
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	570	642	536	503	650
Gifts of goods and services	1,068	1,269	1,002	880	1,258
Food	84	122	72	52	115
Housing	314	361	261	274	393
Housekeeping supplies	41	41	41	35	52
Household textiles	16	21	16	14	16
Appliances and miscellaneous					
housewares	30	37	28	26	30
Major appliances	7	11	8	4	7
Small appliances and miscellaneous					
housewares	22	26	20	22	22
Miscellaneous household equipment	71	86	59	60	86
Other housing	156	177	117	138	210
Apparel and services	225	262	209	218	218
Males, 2 and over	60	66	58	55	63
Females, 2 and over	80	107	75	70	75
Children under 2	32	25	28	40	33
Other apparel products and services	52	63	47	53	47
Jewelry and watches	25	28	13	29	29
All other apparel products and services	27	35	34	24	18
Transportation	49	48	49	35	74
Health care	38	23	48	29	53
Entertainment	85	97	90	80	78
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	30	36	36	25	26
Other entertainment	55	60	53	55	53
Education	154	209	166	109	165
All other gifts	119	147	108	83	162

¹ Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary.

² Value less than 0.5.

³ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.