

**Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997**

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	105,576	21,090	25,228	36,832	22,426
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	\$39,926	\$43,336	\$39,222	\$35,691	\$44,368
Income after taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	36,684	40,166	35,904	33,292	39,839
Age of reference person .....	47.7	48.1	48.8	47.7	46.2
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons .....	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.7
Children under 18 .....	.7	.6	.7	.7	.8
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners .....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles .....	2.0	1.6	2.2	1.9	2.1
Percent distribution:					
Sex of reference person:					
Male .....	59	57	62	58	59
Female .....	41	43	38	42	41
Housing tenure:					
Homeowner .....	64	59	69	66	58
With mortgage .....	38	35	39	39	39
Without mortgage .....	26	25	29	28	20
Renter .....	36	41	31	34	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	7	6	9	7
High school (9-12) .....	39	42	41	41	32
College .....	53	51	52	50	60
Never attended and other .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
At least one vehicle owned or leased .....	87	79	89	89	88
Average annual expenditures .....	\$34,819	\$36,070	\$33,791	\$32,226	\$39,037
Food .....	4,801	5,358	4,631	4,426	5,077
Food at home .....	2,880	2,970	2,739	2,771	3,125
Cereals and bakery products .....	453	504	446	415	474
Cereals and cereal products .....	161	177	154	149	175
Bakery products .....	292	326	292	266	299
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	743	789	663	753	774
Beef .....	224	214	207	235	233
Pork .....	157	141	153	173	150
Other meats .....	96	112	101	88	90
Poultry .....	145	177	119	141	151
Fish and seafood .....	89	108	58	85	110
Eggs .....	33	36	25	31	41
Dairy products .....	314	327	308	290	345
Fresh milk and cream .....	128	130	129	119	140
Other dairy products .....	186	198	179	171	205
Fruits and vegetables .....	476	525	430	438	541
Fresh fruits .....	150	169	146	131	170
Fresh vegetables .....	143	162	122	125	176
Processed fruits .....	102	115	92	93	116
Processed vegetables .....	80	79	70	89	79

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other food at home .....	\$895	\$825	\$892	\$876	\$991
Sugar and other sweets .....	114	109	116	115	117
Fats and oils .....	81	85	73	81	86
Miscellaneous foods .....	403	346	408	387	476
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	245	228	240	253	251
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	52	57	55	40	62
Food away from home .....	1,921	2,388	1,892	1,655	1,952
Alcoholic beverages .....	309	379	306	229	377
Housing .....	11,272	12,480	10,532	9,877	13,255
Shelter .....	6,344	7,539	5,653	5,070	8,089
Owned dwellings .....	3,935	4,704	3,785	3,059	4,818
Mortgage interest and charges .....	2,225	2,351	1,955	1,779	3,143
Property taxes .....	971	1,569	1,088	630	838
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses .....	738	784	742	650	836
Rented dwellings .....	1,983	2,298	1,477	1,694	2,731
Other lodging .....	426	536	391	317	541
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	2,412	2,480	2,452	2,463	2,220
Natural gas .....	301	396	446	185	238
Electricity .....	909	830	834	1,094	762
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	108	255	115	55	48
Telephone services .....	809	785	778	839	817
Water and other public services .....	286	215	279	290	355
Household operations .....	548	473	458	534	745
Personal services .....	263	219	248	249	346
Other household expenses .....	285	254	210	286	399
Housekeeping supplies .....	455	418	485	427	501
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	116	111	112	117	122
Other household products .....	210	187	224	204	226
Postage and stationery .....	129	119	149	106	152
Household furnishings and equipment .....	1,512	1,570	1,484	1,383	1,699
Household textiles .....	79	86	78	64	99
Furniture .....	387	424	354	386	392
Floor coverings .....	78	102	85	63	72
Major appliances .....	169	145	160	187	173
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	92	91	95	75	117
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	707	723	711	608	847
Apparel and services .....	1,729	1,916	1,707	1,620	1,755
Men and boys .....	407	432	446	350	432
Men, 16 and over .....	323	347	353	271	351
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	84	85	93	79	80
Women and girls .....	680	722	713	648	657
Women, 16 and over .....	574	624	592	547	552
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	106	98	121	101	105
Children under 2 .....	77	80	63	69	103
Footwear .....	315	339	298	323	298
Other apparel products and services .....	250	343	186	231	266
Transportation .....	6,457	5,830	6,367	6,473	7,120
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	2,736	2,040	2,784	3,055	2,811
Cars and trucks, new .....	1,229	973	1,216	1,486	1,062
Cars and trucks, used .....	1,464	1,052	1,544	1,541	1,633
Other vehicles .....	43	15	24	29	115
Gasoline and motor oil .....	1,098	979	1,107	1,112	1,174

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other vehicle expenses .....	\$2,230	\$2,223	\$2,131	\$2,062	\$2,624
Vehicle finance charges .....	293	214	307	335	281
Maintenance and repairs .....	682	584	659	657	838
Vehicle insurance .....	755	808	684	727	831
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges .....	501	617	480	343	674
Public transportation .....	393	587	345	243	511
Health care .....	1,841	1,709	1,903	1,902	1,793
Health insurance .....	881	871	912	931	775
Medical services .....	531	480	521	502	638
Drugs .....	320	240	357	367	277
Medical supplies .....	108	119	113	102	102
Entertainment .....	1,813	1,769	1,915	1,561	2,153
Fees and admissions .....	471	528	468	358	604
Television, radios, sound equipment .....	577	581	560	570	605
Pets, toys, and playground equipment .....	327	320	325	299	378
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	439	340	561	334	565
Personal care products and services .....	528	521	506	544	530
Reading .....	164	192	170	130	186
Education .....	571	772	512	449	647
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	264	260	302	268	217
Miscellaneous .....	847	821	824	806	965
Cash contributions .....	1,001	765	989	1,057	1,145
Personal insurance and pensions .....	3,223	3,298	3,128	2,883	3,819
Life and other personal insurance .....	379	386	361	421	322
Pensions and Social Security .....	2,844	2,912	2,767	2,461	3,497
Sources of income and personal taxes: <sup>1</sup>					
Money income before taxes .....	39,926	43,336	39,222	35,691	44,368
Wages and salaries .....	31,506	35,003	31,049	27,989	34,514
Self-employment income .....	1,969	2,057	1,896	1,220	3,130
Social Security, private and government retirement .....	4,531	4,412	4,829	4,740	4,004
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income .....	822	655	661	682	1,339
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	206	250	172	178	247
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	382	435	262	381	462
Regular contributions for support .....	293	288	210	336	316
Other income .....	217	236	143	165	356
Personal taxes .....	3,241	3,170	3,318	2,399	4,529
Federal income taxes .....	2,468	2,280	2,405	1,918	3,538
State and local income taxes .....	645	719	768	379	872
Other taxes .....	129	172	145	102	119
Income after taxes .....	36,684	40,166	35,904	33,292	39,839

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**Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997 — Continued**

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Addenda:					
Net change in total assets and liabilities .....	\$1,105	\$2,677	\$793	\$537	\$908
Net change in total assets .....	5,886	7,444	4,371	4,890	7,760
Net change in total liabilities .....	4,781	4,767	3,578	4,353	6,852
Other financial information:					
Other money receipts .....	458	308	434	451	637
Mortgage principal paid on owned property .....	-1,051	-1,059	-1,115	-889	-1,238
Estimated market value of owned home .....	76,480	85,578	71,719	58,943	102,082
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home .....	538	581	533	462	627
Gifts of goods and services .....	1,059	1,188	1,063	953	1,110
Food .....	68	78	68	62	68
Housing .....	273	297	288	245	280
Housekeeping supplies .....	37	39	48	30	32
Household textiles .....	8	10	8	7	9
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	27	31	33	24	23
Major appliances .....	6	8	6	6	7
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	21	23	28	18	16
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	66	65	74	57	73
Other housing .....	135	152	124	128	142
Apparel and services .....	252	272	242	252	246
Males, 2 and over .....	61	62	71	54	61
Females, 2 and over .....	81	88	91	73	78
Children under 2 .....	33	35	27	30	40
Other apparel products and services .....	77	86	53	96	66
Jewelry and watches .....	49	51	31	64	42
All other apparel products and services .....	29	35	22	32	24
Transportation .....	57	44	52	52	82
Health care .....	30	22	22	20	64
Entertainment .....	99	96	114	88	103
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles .....	41	33	51	39	40
Other entertainment .....	58	63	62	49	63
Education .....	155	257	152	114	132
All other gifts .....	125	122	125	119	136

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

<sup>2</sup> Value less than 0.5.

<sup>3</sup> Data are likely to have large sampling errors.