

Table 3004. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2015-2016

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	23,492	7,619	2,574	1,820
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes	\$79,079	\$87,106	\$85,785	\$91,781
Age of reference person	52.1	52.1	52.2	49.4
Average number in consumer unit:				
People	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.2
Children under 185	.6	.5	.5
Adults 65 and older4	.4	.3	.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Vehicles	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.4
Percent homeowner	60	51	66	54
Average annual expenditures	\$59,876	\$63,752	\$62,563	\$68,119
Food	7,018	6,796	7,349	7,636
Food at home	4,031	3,840	4,388	4,702
Cereals and bakery products	550	528	590	683
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	902	881	959	950
Dairy products	433	413	445	490
Fruits and vegetables	826	829	950	1,053
Other food at home	1,320	1,189	1,443	1,526
Food away from home	2,986	2,956	2,962	2,934
Alcoholic beverages	564	460	548	705
Housing	21,140	24,743	21,170	26,671
Shelter	13,165	16,882	12,397	17,205
Owned dwellings	7,722	8,912	8,061	10,128
Rented dwellings	4,502	7,049	3,363	5,366
Other lodging	941	921	973	1,712
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,102	4,063	4,515	4,233
Household operations	1,569	1,770	1,501	2,287
Housekeeping supplies	612	591	769	500
Household furnishings and equipment	1,691	1,437	1,988	2,446
Apparel and services	1,870	2,040	2,336	1,796
Transportation	8,574	7,280	9,007	8,465
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,132	1,479	3,381	3,146
Gasoline and motor oil	1,709	1,427	1,773	1,715
Other vehicle expenses	2,803	2,952	3,003	2,570
Public and other transportation	930	1,422	849	1,034
Healthcare	4,492	4,228	4,877	4,382
Entertainment	2,768	2,446	2,688	3,501
Personal care products and services	707	742	753	743
Reading	112	106	111	136
Education	1,985	2,346	2,260	1,804
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	343	223	417	292
Miscellaneous	939	1,009	974	1,118
Cash contributions	2,258	3,446	1,825	2,626
Personal insurance and pensions	7,107	7,890	8,248	8,243
Life and other personal insurance	389	396	332	727
Pensions and Social Security	6,717	7,494	7,916	7,516

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2017