

Average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units, Consumer Expenditure Surveys, 2013-2020

Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of consumer units (in thousands) ¹	125,670	127,006	128,437	129,549	130,001	131,439	132,242	131,234
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes	\$63,784	\$66,877	\$69,627	\$74,664	\$73,573	\$78,635	\$82,852	\$84,352
Income after taxes*	56,352	58,364	60,448	64,175	63,606	67,241	71,487	74,949
Age of reference person	50.1	50.3	50.5	50.9	50.9	51.1	51.6	52.2
Average number in consumer unit:								
People	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Children under 186	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6
Adults 65 and older3	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Vehicles	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Percent distribution:								
Reference person:								
Men	47	48	47	47	47	47	48	47
Women	53	52	53	53	53	53	52	53
Housing tenure:								
Homeowner	64	63	62	62	63	63	64	66
With mortgage	37	37	35	36	36	37	37	39
Without mortgage	26	26	27	27	27	26	27	27
Renter	36	37	38	38	37	37	36	34
Race of reference person:								
Black or African-American	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
White, Asian, and all other races	87	87	87	87	87	87	87	87
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:								
Hispanic or Latino	13	13	13	13	14	13	14	14
Not Hispanic or Latino	87	87	87	87	86	87	86	86
Education of reference person:								
Elementary (1-8)	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
High school (9-12)	30	33	32	32	30	30	30	28
College	63	63	64	65	67	67	67	69
Never attended and other	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	87	87	87	87	88	88	89	90
Average annual expenditures	\$51,100	\$53,495	\$55,978	\$57,311	\$60,060	\$61,224	\$63,036	\$61,334
Food								
Food at home	3,977	3,971	4,015	4,049	4,363	4,464	4,643	4,942
Cereals and bakery products	544	519	518	524	564	569	583	640
Cereals and cereal products	185	176	172	172	176	178	184	212
Bakery products	359	343	346	353	388	392	400	428
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	856	892	896	890	944	961	980	1,075
Beef	219	232	245	244	253	253	270	296
Pork	170	177	165	169	181	180	187	214
Other meats	119	123	124	120	128	129	129	142
Poultry	170	172	172	172	186	180	189	189
Fish and seafood	122	129	126	130	140	154	147	170
Eggs	56	58	63	56	55	64	58	64
Dairy products	414	423	413	410	450	449	455	474
Fresh milk and cream	152	147	140	139	147	147	140	147
Other dairy products	262	276	273	271	303	303	315	327
Fruits and vegetables	751	756	769	783	837	858	876	977
Fresh fruits	270	274	284	288	314	318	322	349
Fresh vegetables	236	240	247	254	274	283	295	311
Processed fruits	115	109	108	109	112	114	112	125
Processed vegetables	130	133	130	133	136	144	147	192
Other food at home	1,412	1,382	1,419	1,442	1,568	1,627	1,749	1,776
Sugar and other sweets	143	139	155	148	150	151	165	166
Fats and oils	117	115	111	111	117	118	115	133
Miscellaneous foods	728	702	726	734	824	865	952	973
Nonalcoholic beverages	384	375	374	393	423	438	455	455
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	42	51	52	55	56	56	62	50
Food away from home	2,625	2,787	3,008	3,154	3,365	3,459	3,526	2,375
Alcoholic beverages	445	463	515	484	558	583	579	478

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Housing.....	17,148	17,798	18,409	18,886	19,884	20,091	20,679	21,409
Shelter.....	10,080	10,491	10,742	11,128	11,895	11,747	12,190	12,604
Owned dwellings.....	6,108	6,149	6,210	6,295	6,947	6,678	6,797	7,473
Mortgage interest and charges.....	3,078	2,953	2,859	2,889	3,265	2,775	2,760	2,962
Property taxes.....	1,848	1,903	1,913	1,969	2,065	2,200	2,159	2,353
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses.....	1,182	1,293	1,438	1,437	1,616	1,703	1,879	2,158
Rented dwellings.....	3,324	3,631	3,802	4,035	4,167	4,249	4,432	4,408
Other lodging.....	649	710	730	798	782	821	961	722
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	3,737	3,921	3,885	3,884	3,836	4,049	4,055	4,158
Natural gas.....	393	439	421	355	381	410	416	414
Electricity.....	1,422	1,484	1,460	1,444	1,420	1,496	1,472	1,516
Fuel oil and other fuels.....	142	152	116	85	97	121	113	105
Telephone services.....	1,271	1,315	1,347	1,431	1,356	1,407	1,409	1,441
Residential phone service, VOIP, and phone cards.....	358	353	324	307	238	220	191	188
Cellular phone service.....	913	963	1,023	1,124	1,118	1,188	1,218	1,253
Water and other public services.....	509	530	540	569	583	614	645	682
Household operations.....	1,144	1,174	1,309	1,384	1,412	1,522	1,570	1,465
Personal services.....	368	366	427	457	439	472	489	347
Other household expenses.....	776	808	882	927	973	1,050	1,081	1,118
Housekeeping supplies.....	645	632	655	660	755	747	766	837
Laundry and cleaning supplies.....	154	148	156	160	177	184	185	170
Other household products.....	350	354	368	363	428	431	458	536
Postage and stationery.....	140	131	131	137	150	132	122	130
Household furnishings and equipment.....	1,542	1,581	1,818	1,829	1,987	2,025	2,098	2,346
Household textiles.....	97	96	115	98	114	111	131	116
Furniture.....	382	387	502	460	515	518	521	534
Floor coverings.....	20	18	18	20	30	25	25	30
Major appliances.....	214	233	268	283	280	304	322	354
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares.....	100	106	118	123	131	118	119	135
Miscellaneous household equipment.....	727	740	798	845	916	948	981	1,178
Apparel and services.....	1,604	1,786	1,846	1,803	1,833	1,866	1,883	1,434
Men and boys.....	374	430	422	427	442	420	447	326
Men, 16 and over.....	304	326	331	323	342	337	348	240
Boys, 2 to 15.....	70	104	91	104	100	83	100	86
Women and girls.....	636	656	697	665	694	755	704	545
Women, 16 and over.....	527	551	596	571	580	638	602	456
Girls, 2 to 15.....	109	105	101	94	114	117	102	89
Children under 2.....	75	76	83	66	77	78	75	68
Footwear.....	307	367	354	388	379	392	419	314
Other apparel products and services.....	211	256	291	257	241	222	237	181
Transportation.....	9,004	9,073	9,503	9,049	9,576	9,761	10,742	9,826
Vehicle purchases (net outlay).....	3,271	3,301	3,997	3,634	4,054	3,975	4,394	4,523
Cars and trucks, new.....	1,563	1,562	1,956	1,650	1,900	1,825	1,960	2,089
Cars and trucks, used.....	1,669	1,689	1,982	1,919	2,101	2,084	2,375	2,360
Other vehicles.....	39	50	59	66	53	66	59	75
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil.....	2,611	2,468	2,090	1,909	1,968	2,109	2,094	1,568
Other vehicle expenses.....	2,584	2,723	2,756	2,884	2,842	2,859	3,474	3,471
Vehicle finance charges.....	204	208	216	226	220	222	252	258
Maintenance and repairs.....	835	836	837	849	954	890	887	879
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges.....	533	567	624	660	700	772	790	758
Vehicle insurance.....	1,013	1,112	1,079	1,149	967	976	1,545	1,575
Public and other transportation.....	537	581	661	623	712	818	781	263
Healthcare.....	3,631	4,290	4,342	4,612	4,928	4,968	5,193	5,177
Health insurance**.....	2,229	2,868	2,977	3,160	3,414	3,405	3,529	3,667
Medical services.....	796	790	791	838	872	909	984	864
Drugs.....	470	486	425	463	486	483	486	476
Medical supplies.....	135	146	149	151	156	172	194	170
Entertainment.....	2,482	2,728	2,842	2,913	3,203	3,226	3,090	2,912
Fees and admissions.....	569	636	652	681	750	766	880	425
Audio and visual equipment and services.....	964	1,051	1,084	1,085	985	1,030	1,000	1,049
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment.....	596	634	653	740	869	816	821	859
Pets.....	460	507	528	583	710	662	681	690
Toys, hobbies, and playground equipment.....	136	127	125	157	159	154	140	170
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services.....	353	407	453	406	599	614	389	579
Personal care products and services.....	608	645	683	707	762	768	786	646
Reading.....	102	103	114	118	110	108	92	114

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Education***.....	1,138	1,236	1,315	1,329	1,491	1,407	1,443	1,271
Tobacco products and smoking supplies.....	330	319	349	337	332	347	320	315
Miscellaneous***.....	645	782	871	959	1,010	993	899	907
Cash contributions.....	1,834	1,788	1,819	2,081	1,873	1,888	1,995	2,283
Personal insurance and pensions.....	5,528	5,726	6,349	6,831	6,771	7,296	7,165	7,246
Life and other personal insurance.....	319	327	333	322	418	465	520	486
Pensions and Social Security.....	5,209	5,399	6,016	6,509	6,353	6,831	6,645	6,760
Sources of income and personal taxes:								
Income before taxes.....	\$63,784	\$66,877	\$69,627	\$74,664	\$73,573	\$78,635	\$82,852	\$84,352
Wages and salaries.....	50,168	51,889	54,405	57,319	57,590	61,557	64,708	65,449
Self-employment income.....	3,273	4,284	4,363	6,270	4,506	5,232	5,947	5,808
Social Security, private and government retirement.....	7,514	7,700	7,801	8,001	8,300	8,664	8,902	9,493
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income.....	1,411	1,594	1,737	1,751	1,910	1,941	1,962	1,963
Public assistance, Supplemental Security Income, Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).....	534	530	568	519	460	450	426	458
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits, and regular contributions for support.....	612	556	432	444	457	477	562	902
Other income.....	272	323	320	360	351	314	345	278
Personal taxes (contains some imputed values)*.....	7,432	8,513	9,178	10,489	9,967	11,394	11,364	9,402
Federal income taxes.....	5,743	6,680	7,111	8,367	7,819	9,032	8,831	8,812
Stimulus payment (new UCC Q20202)#.....	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-1,911
State and local income taxes.....	1,629	1,782	1,997	2,046	2,098	2,285	2,470	2,430
Other taxes.....	60	52	70	75	51	78	63	72
Income after taxes*.....	56,352	58,364	60,448	64,175	63,606	67,241	71,487	74,949
Addenda:								
Net change in total assets and liabilities.....	\$11,404	\$7,431	\$6,937	\$8,721	\$14,049	\$12,679	\$10,971	\$3,584
Net change in total assets.....	20,539	15,798	15,442	15,570	23,805	22,521	23,320	24,635
Net change in total liabilities.....	9,136	8,366	8,504	6,848	9,756	9,842	12,350	21,052
Other financial information:								
Other money receipts.....	737	659	766	718	1,156	701	1,201	2,042
Mortgage principal paid on owned property.....	-1,858	-1,816	-1,757	-1,908	-1,839	-2,227	-2,288	-2,395
Estimated market value of owned home.....	154,907	160,814	162,749	172,263	186,064	198,612	204,174	221,708
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home.....	882	908	930	971	1,017	1,071	1,097	1,181
Gifts of good and services, total (thru 2019).....	1,078	1,063	1,249	1,125	1,229	1,206	1,310	(³)
Food.....	78	75	91	74	88	91	98	(³)
Alcoholic beverages.....	12	14	15	13	14	15	13	(³)
Housing.....	201	222	244	238	233	260	248	(³)
Housekeeping supplies.....	26	23	30	26	33	35	28	(³)
Household textiles.....	5	9	8	10	7	11	15	(³)
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares.....	19	22	22	21	20	23	23	(³)
Major appliances.....	5	8	8	9	7	8	9	(³)
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares.....	14	14	14	13	13	16	14	(³)
Miscellaneous household equipment.....	41	42	48	43	53	50	47	(³)
Other housing.....	112	127	137	138	120	141	135	(³)
Apparel and services.....	198	201	253	190	203	212	247	(³)
Males, 2 and over.....	51	50	59	51	56	48	57	(³)
Females, 2 and over.....	76	69	64	63	73	84	88	(³)
Children under 2.....	30	31	40	27	32	28	37	(³)
Other apparel products and services.....	42	52	90	50	43	52	64	(³)
Jewelry and watches.....	14	16	60	14	9	14	8	(³)
All other apparel products and services.....	28	36	30	36	34	37	57	(³)
Transportation.....	100	108	139	101	141	125	133	(³)
Healthcare.....	35	35	34	28	21	21	38	(³)
Entertainment.....	89	89	95	95	98	105	100	(³)
Toys, games, arts and crafts, and tricycles.....	27	28	29	43	39	36	30	(³)
Other entertainment.....	62	61	66	52	59	69	70	(³)
Personal care products and services.....	14	13	16	13	12	18	21	(³)
Reading.....	5	4	6	4	3	4	3	(³)
Education.....	274	236	278	276	314	258	296	(³)

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Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All other gifts.....	72	65	77	92	102	96	113	(³)

¹ Data are rounded to the nearest thousands.

² Value is too small to display.

³ Due to changes in data collection, gifts can no longer be parsed out from expenditures.

n.a. Not applicable.

* Because changes were introduced part way into 2013 for calculating Federal and State taxes, estimates for 2013 are not strictly comparable to prior or subsequent years. Estimates beginning in 2014 are not strictly comparable to earlier years.

** Because of questionnaire changes for health insurance, estimates beginning in 2014 are not strictly comparable to prior years.

*** Finance, late, interest charges for student loans was moved from Miscellaneous into Education beginning in 2014 after the expenditure category was broken out separately from other miscellaneous interest and related charges.

Data collection for this item began in June 2020. Stimulus payments delivered to respondents interviewed in April and May of 2020 were not included in estimation.

Note: All values have been rounded, and as a result some cell values have been rounded to zero. This is particularly evident in the characteristic section. When data are not reported or are not applicable (i.e., missing values), tabulated cell values have been set to zero.

Source: Consumer Expenditure Surveys, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2021