

Table 3015. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2015-2016

| Item | All consumer units in the Midwest | Chicago | Detroit | Minneapolis-St. Paul | St. Louis |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Number of consumer units (in thousands) | 27,748 | 3,629 | 1,802 | 1,550 | 1,167 |
| Consumer unit characteristics: | | | | | |
| Income before taxes | \$68,814 | \$79,346 | \$80,384 | \$92,455 | \$69,258 |
| Age of reference person | 50.8 | 49.0 | 52.4 | 51.3 | 50.5 |
| Average number in consumer unit: | | | | | |
| People | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| Children under 18 | .6 | .6 | .6 | .5 | .6 |
| Adults 65 and older | .3 | .3 | .3 | .3 | .4 |
| Earners | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Vehicles | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.0 |
| Percent homeowner | 66 | 61 | 65 | 68 | 73 |
| Average annual expenditures | \$54,897 | \$61,650 | \$59,217 | \$78,037 | \$58,079 |
| Food | 7,076 | 8,118 | 7,686 | 8,535 | 7,606 |
| Food at home | 4,052 | 4,492 | 4,211 | 4,640 | 4,238 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 529 | 556 | 557 | 592 | 524 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 883 | 947 | 1,021 | 941 | 914 |
| Dairy products | 429 | 458 | 420 | 459 | 408 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 747 | 967 | 790 | 966 | 800 |
| Other food at home | 1,465 | 1,562 | 1,422 | 1,682 | 1,593 |
| Food away from home | 3,024 | 3,626 | 3,475 | 3,895 | 3,367 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 507 | 491 | 557 | 866 | 658 |
| Housing | 17,126 | 21,644 | 18,020 | 24,178 | 18,329 |
| Shelter | 9,675 | 13,762 | 10,011 | 15,384 | 9,257 |
| Owned dwellings | 6,041 | 8,492 | 5,729 | 9,299 | 6,365 |
| Rented dwellings | 2,942 | 4,403 | 3,381 | 4,564 | 2,287 |
| Other lodging | 692 | 867 | 901 | 1,521 | 605 |
| Utilities, fuels, and public services | 3,770 | 3,796 | 4,109 | 3,714 | 4,151 |
| Household operations | 1,150 | 1,373 | 1,531 | 1,647 | 1,482 |
| Housekeeping supplies | 697 | 713 | 713 | 775 | 813 |
| Household furnishings and equipment | 1,834 | 2,000 | 1,656 | 2,659 | 2,626 |
| Apparel and services | 1,685 | 2,169 | 2,163 | 1,963 | 1,576 |
| Transportation | 9,064 | 9,021 | 9,546 | 12,109 | 9,499 |
| Vehicle purchases (net outlay) | 3,670 | 3,363 | 2,175 | 5,638 | 3,791 |
| Gasoline and motor oil | 1,975 | 1,948 | 2,140 | 2,233 | 2,117 |
| Other vehicle expenses | 2,875 | 2,829 | 4,467 | 3,255 | 2,908 |
| Public and other transportation | 544 | 881 | 764 | 984 | 683 |
| Healthcare | 4,790 | 4,776 | 4,798 | 6,484 | 5,013 |
| Entertainment | 2,949 | 3,484 | 3,519 | 4,649 | 3,033 |
| Personal care products and services | 681 | 756 | 907 | 1,112 | 922 |
| Reading | 120 | 116 | 111 | 164 | 184 |
| Education | 1,272 | 1,531 | 1,643 | 2,166 | 811 |
| Tobacco products and smoking supplies | 414 | 310 | 533 | 408 | 396 |
| Miscellaneous | 993 | 807 | 941 | 1,085 | 1,343 |
| Cash contributions | 1,716 | 1,472 | 1,518 | 5,140 | 1,935 |
| Personal insurance and pensions | 6,507 | 6,955 | 7,275 | 9,178 | 6,774 |
| Life and other personal insurance | 345 | 348 | 562 | 515 | 348 |
| Pensions and Social Security | 6,162 | 6,607 | 6,713 | 8,663 | 6,427 |

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