

Table 24. Selected western metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2006-2007

Item	All consumer units in the West	Los Angeles	San Francisco	San Diego	Seattle	Phoenix
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	26,800	5,049	2,956	1,009	1,954	1,556
Consumer unit characteristics:						
Income before taxes	\$67,953	\$76,384	\$86,112	\$73,604	\$67,923	\$68,070
Age of reference person	47.7	47.7	48.9	46.9	48.5	45.0
Average number in consumer unit:						
Persons	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.7
Children under 187	.8	.5	.7	.5	.8
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2
Earners	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5
Vehicles	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.7	2.4	2.1
Percent homeowner	63	56	58	52	67	64
Average annual expenditures	\$57,124	\$60,932	\$69,559	\$54,648	\$59,384	\$57,657
Food	6,981	7,785	8,369	5,312	6,486	7,156
Food at home	3,918	4,257	4,375	2,819	3,615	4,045
Cereals and bakery products	489	494	558	332	447	508
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	864	1,026	1,009	630	761	873
Dairy products	425	416	466	286	390	445
Fruits and vegetables	725	879	888	510	619	676
Other food at home	1,414	1,442	1,454	1,061	1,398	1,542
Food away from home	3,063	3,528	3,994	2,493	2,871	3,112
Alcoholic beverages	576	543	888	520	570	645
Housing	20,024	22,336	27,310	22,670	20,671	18,591
Shelter	12,806	15,271	19,519	16,174	13,530	10,615
Owned dwellings	8,244	9,260	12,526	9,278	9,213	6,736
Rented dwellings	3,766	5,394	5,539	6,276	3,261	3,135
Other lodging	796	616	1,454	620	1,056	744
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,166	3,125	3,199	2,837	3,322	3,628
Household operations	1,148	1,321	1,808	1,637	860	1,075
Housekeeping supplies	738	628	609	427	510	808
Household furnishings and equipment	2,167	1,990	2,176	1,596	2,449	2,464
Apparel and services	2,091	2,383	2,587	2,292	2,080	2,442
Transportation	10,116	10,141	10,792	7,258	10,047	12,424
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,976	3,338	3,564	2,090	3,917	6,383
Gasoline and motor oil	2,386	2,712	2,489	2,504	2,288	2,594
Other vehicle expenses	2,992	3,364	3,502	1,962	2,747	2,846
Public transportation	762	727	1,238	702	1,094	601
Healthcare	2,857	2,324	3,224	2,613	3,127	3,058
Entertainment	3,234	2,790	3,397	2,938	3,542	3,068
Personal care products and services	665	776	827	691	663	708
Reading	142	126	201	103	196	119
Education	894	1,298	1,080	677	944	628
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	256	199	148	95	309	349
Miscellaneous	1,061	1,141	1,190	890	1,101	897
Cash contributions	2,312	2,652	1,768	1,941	3,147	1,886
Personal insurance and pensions	5,915	6,439	7,779	6,648	6,501	5,687
Life and other personal insurance	283	254	352	307	395	300
Pensions and Social Security	5,632	6,185	7,427	6,340	6,107	5,387