

**Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2008**

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	120,770	22,348	27,786	43,696	26,941
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes .....	\$63,563	\$70,436	\$61,063	\$58,881	\$68,031
Income after taxes .....	61,774	68,179	59,793	57,492	65,447
Age of reference person .....	49.1	51.0	48.6	49.2	47.7
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons .....	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6
Children under 18 .....	.6	.6	.6	.6	.7
Persons 65 and older .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners .....	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4
Vehicles .....	2.0	1.7	2.1	1.9	2.0
Percent distribution:					
Sex of reference person:					
Male .....	47	45	48	46	49
Female .....	53	55	52	54	51
Housing tenure:					
Homeowner .....	66	65	68	68	63
With mortgage .....	42	41	43	41	44
Without mortgage .....	24	24	25	27	19
Renter .....	34	35	32	32	37
Race of reference person:					
Black or African-American .....	12	11	9	20	4
White, Asian, and all other races .....	88	89	91	80	96
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:					
Hispanic or Latino .....	12	10	5	13	19
Not Hispanic or Latino .....	88	90	95	87	81
Education of reference person:					
Elementary (1-8) .....	5	4	4	6	4
High school (9-12) .....	35	37	35	37	30
College .....	60	59	60	57	66
Never attended and other .....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
At least one vehicle owned or leased .....	89	81	90	90	91
Average annual expenditures .....	\$50,486	\$54,918	\$47,846	\$46,823	\$55,453
Food .....	6,443	6,959	5,966	6,109	7,037
Food at home .....	3,744	4,021	3,528	3,494	4,140
Cereals and bakery products .....	507	579	483	472	528
Cereals and cereal products .....	170	195	164	152	182
Bakery products .....	337	384	319	320	346
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	846	920	750	843	888
Beef .....	239	234	223	243	252
Pork .....	163	154	151	174	165
Other meats .....	106	130	101	101	102
Poultry .....	159	184	135	157	166
Fish and seafood .....	128	167	96	119	143
Eggs .....	51	51	44	49	62
Dairy products .....	430	461	421	392	473
Fresh milk and cream .....	168	175	160	161	182
Other dairy products .....	261	286	261	231	291
Fruits and vegetables .....	657	725	591	580	792
Fresh fruits .....	222	242	199	189	282
Fresh vegetables .....	212	239	175	181	276
Processed fruits .....	116	136	112	104	126
Processed vegetables .....	107	108	105	106	108

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other food at home .....	\$1,305	\$1,336	\$1,283	\$1,207	\$1,459
Sugar and other sweets .....	129	134	139	113	141
Fats and oils .....	104	114	98	99	113
Miscellaneous foods .....	680	683	686	624	761
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	342	352	315	332	379
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	49	54	45	39	64
Food away from home .....	2,698	2,938	2,438	2,615	2,897
Alcoholic beverages .....	444	455	450	389	518
Housing .....	17,109	19,525	15,550	15,276	19,682
Shelter .....	10,183	12,023	8,923	8,479	12,721
Owned dwellings .....	6,760	7,889	6,282	5,643	8,130
Mortgage interest and charges .....	3,826	3,834	3,218	3,290	5,317
Property taxes .....	1,758	2,796	1,924	1,266	1,525
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses .....	1,176	1,258	1,140	1,087	1,288
Rented dwellings .....	2,724	3,068	2,000	2,297	3,880
Other lodging .....	698	1,066	641	539	711
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	3,649	4,117	3,527	3,661	3,369
Natural gas .....	531	727	807	297	464
Electricity .....	1,353	1,302	1,124	1,648	1,154
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	192	599	147	83	77
Telephone services .....	1,127	1,134	1,066	1,166	1,121
Water and other public services .....	446	355	382	466	554
Household operations .....	998	1,177	863	911	1,128
Personal services .....	383	507	356	336	384
Other household expenses .....	614	670	507	574	744
Housekeeping supplies .....	654	665	678	646	635
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	148	142	135	156	152
Other household products .....	350	363	375	354	310
Postage and stationery .....	156	160	169	136	174
Household furnishings and equipment .....	1,624	1,543	1,559	1,580	1,829
Household textiles .....	126	103	103	132	161
Furniture .....	388	419	353	407	366
Floor coverings .....	45	49	58	35	43
Major appliances .....	204	208	204	183	236
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	113	106	116	100	136
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	749	659	725	724	888
Apparel and services .....	1,801	1,974	1,618	1,772	1,888
Men and boys .....	427	423	348	427	509
Men, 16 and over .....	344	334	268	338	439
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	83	89	80	89	70
Women and girls .....	718	800	677	714	699
Women, 16 and over .....	597	660	556	595	588
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	121	139	121	119	111
Children under 2 .....	93	93	110	81	94
Footwear .....	314	344	264	336	307
Other apparel products and services .....	248	314	219	214	280
Transportation .....	8,604	8,898	8,418	8,482	8,745
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	2,755	2,687	2,872	2,726	2,737
Cars and trucks, new .....	1,305	1,379	1,274	1,355	1,195
Cars and trucks, used .....	1,315	1,203	1,445	1,263	1,360
Other vehicles .....	134	106	152	108	183
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2,715	2,386	2,664	2,937	2,679

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other vehicle expenses .....	\$2,621	\$3,059	\$2,472	\$2,488	\$2,623
Vehicle finance charges .....	312	233	289	364	318
Maintenance and repairs .....	731	793	692	650	850
Vehicle insurance .....	1,113	1,363	980	1,181	931
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges .....	465	670	511	294	524
Public transportation .....	513	765	410	331	706
Healthcare .....	2,976	3,035	3,049	2,849	3,057
Health insurance .....	1,653	1,758	1,729	1,592	1,588
Medical services .....	727	693	717	655	881
Drugs .....	482	457	474	497	487
Medical supplies .....	114	127	128	106	101
Entertainment .....	2,835	2,960	2,758	2,512	3,333
Fees and admissions .....	616	724	592	507	726
Audio and visual equipment and services .....	1,036	1,090	987	1,027	1,056
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment .....	704	709	599	631	923
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	479	436	580	346	628
Personal care products and services .....	616	638	551	580	721
Reading .....	116	141	118	87	140
Education .....	1,046	1,585	1,029	797	1,019
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	317	324	357	324	257
Miscellaneous .....	840	952	725	743	1,020
Cash contributions .....	1,737	1,485	1,705	1,744	1,966
Personal insurance and pensions .....	5,605	5,987	5,552	5,158	6,067
Life and other personal insurance .....	317	384	306	321	265
Pensions and Social Security .....	5,288	5,602	5,246	4,837	5,803
Sources of income and personal taxes:					
Money income before taxes .....	63,563	70,436	61,063	58,881	68,031
Wages and salaries .....	51,007	57,773	48,678	47,069	54,186
Self-employment income .....	3,219	2,843	3,483	2,540	4,361
Social Security, private and government retirement .....	6,577	6,907	6,234	6,770	6,344
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income .....	1,509	1,478	1,382	1,457	1,751
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	225	277	321	134	231
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	371	398	313	353	438
Regular contributions for support .....	446	545	463	346	509
Other income .....	208	215	190	213	210
Personal taxes .....	1,789	2,258	1,270	1,389	2,584
Federal income taxes .....	1,817	1,958	1,338	1,638	2,484
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082) .....	-784	-757	-840	-781	-752
State and local income taxes .....	542	723	524	367	695
Other taxes .....	213	335	248	165	156

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Income after taxes .....	61,774	68,179	59,793	57,492	65,447
Addenda:					
Net change in total assets and liabilities .....	-\$4,072	-\$4,756	-\$3,503	-\$1,063	-\$8,970
Net change in total assets .....	7,349	6,102	5,433	5,722	12,999
Net change in total liabilities .....	11,421	10,858	8,937	6,785	21,969
Other financial information:					
Other money receipts .....	519	592	484	418	659
Mortgage principal paid on owned property .....	-2,295	-2,585	-2,285	-1,905	-2,696
Estimated market value of owned home .....	169,794	201,832	133,662	134,510	237,711
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home ....	877	992	764	808	1,011
Gifts of goods and services .....	1,209	1,479	1,136	1,057	1,309
Food .....	97	125	104	78	99
Alcoholic beverages .....	14	13	11	13	20
Housing .....	229	230	225	205	270
Housekeeping supplies .....	31	23	42	22	44
Household textiles .....	13	5	11	13	22
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	21	18	15	25	21
Major appliances .....	6	4	4	9	8
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	14	14	12	17	14
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	57	56	57	42	84
Other housing .....	106	127	100	103	99
Apparel and services .....	223	256	232	210	206
Males, 2 and over .....	47	45	46	45	53
Females, 2 and over .....	79	112	74	74	64
Children under 2 .....	50	57	53	43	52
Other apparel products and services .....	47	42	58	49	37
Jewelry and watches .....	18	12	29	17	14
All other apparel products and services .....	29	30	29	31	23
Transportation .....	99	69	84	103	134
Healthcare .....	22	8	19	19	42
Entertainment .....	89	79	84	88	102
Toys, games, arts and crafts, and tricycles .....	29	32	29	29	27
Other entertainment .....	59	47	55	59	75
Personal care products and services .....	12	6	7	14	19
Reading .....	1	2	1	1	1
Education .....	324	589	279	254	263
All other gifts .....	99	102	90	71	153

<sup>1</sup> Value is less than or equal to 0.5.