

**Table 49. Composition of consumer unit: Shares of average annual expenditures and sources of income, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2008**

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	Total	Husband and wife only	Husband and wife with children				Other husband and wife consumer units		
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Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	61,244	26,919	29,804	5,343	15,479	8,982	4,521	6,977	52,550
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes .....	\$85,829	\$75,312	\$94,697	\$81,190	\$97,616	\$97,702	\$89,986	\$37,100	\$41,125
Income after taxes .....	83,274	72,457	92,159	79,792	94,644	95,233	89,100	37,645	39,920
Age of reference person .....	49.4	57.6	42.2	32.1	40.1	51.7	48.7	38.8	50.0
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons .....	3.2	2.0	4.0	3.5	4.2	3.9	4.9	2.9	1.6
Children under 18 .....	.9	n.a.	1.6	1.5	2.2	.6	1.4	1.8	.2
Persons 65 and older .....	.4	.7	.1	(1)	(1)	.2	.5	(1)	.3
Earners .....	1.7	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.8	2.5	2.3	1.0	1.0
Vehicles .....	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.5	3.2	2.8	1.1	1.3
Percent distribution:									
Sex of reference person:									
Male .....	53	58	50	50	48	52	44	15	44
Female .....	47	42	50	50	52	48	56	85	56
Housing tenure:									
Homeowner .....	83	86	81	67	82	88	78	40	51
With mortgage .....	57	45	67	61	71	63	55	33	27
Without mortgage .....	26	41	14	6	11	25	23	8	24
Renter .....	17	14	19	33	18	12	22	60	49
Race of reference person:									
Black or African-American .....	8	6	8	7	8	10	12	31	15
White, Asian, and all other races .....	92	94	92	93	92	90	88	69	85
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:									
Hispanic or Latino .....	12	6	16	16	17	14	25	16	10
Not Hispanic or Latino .....	88	94	84	84	83	86	75	84	90
Education of reference person:									
Elementary (1-8) .....	4	4	3	3	3	5	8	4	5
High school (9-12) .....	33	32	31	24	30	37	46	39	37
College .....	63	63	65	73	67	58	45	57	57
Never attended and other .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)	1	(2)	(2)
At least one vehicle owned or leased .....	97	97	97	96	98	97	97	79	80
Average annual expenditures .....	\$65,016	\$58,164	\$71,308	\$63,194	\$72,724	\$73,809	\$64,445	\$37,129	\$35,278
Food .....	12.7	11.6	13.3	11.9	13.6	13.6	14.1	13.9	12.7
Food at home .....	7.4	6.7	7.7	7.1	7.8	7.8	8.9	8.6	7.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.0	.9	1.1	.9	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.2	.9
Cereals and cereal products .....	.3	.3	.4	.3	.4	.4	.4	.5	.3
Bakery products .....	.7	.6	.7	.6	.7	.7	.8	.7	.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.7
Beef .....	.5	.4	.5	.4	.5	.6	.6	.6	.5
Pork .....	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.5	.4	.3
Other meats .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Poultry .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.5	.3
Fish and seafood .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3
Eggs .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Dairy products .....	.9	.8	.9	.9	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	.8
Fresh milk and cream .....	.3	.3	.4	.4	.4	.3	.4	.4	.3
Other dairy products .....	.5	.5	.5	.5	.6	.5	.6	.6	.5

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	Total	Husband and wife only	Husband and wife with children			Other husband and wife consumer units			
			Total	Oldest child under 6	Oldest child 6 to 17		Oldest child 18 or older		
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.3
Fresh fruits .....	.5	.4	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.4	.4
Fresh vegetables .....	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.5	.4	.4
Processed fruits .....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.3	.3	.3	.2
Processed vegetables .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2
Other food at home .....	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.2	2.6
Sugar and other sweets .....	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2
Fats and oils .....	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Miscellaneous foods .....	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.7	.6	.7	.5	.7	.8	.8	.9	.7
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Food away from home .....	5.3	4.9	5.6	4.8	5.8	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.4
Alcoholic beverages .....	.8	.9	.7	.7	.6	.7	.7	.5	1.2
Housing .....	32.3	31.4	32.8	39.1	33.1	28.9	33.2	40.1	36.5
Shelter .....	18.6	18.0	19.0	22.0	19.9	15.9	18.8	24.1	23.0
Owned dwellings .....	14.3	13.4	15.1	16.1	16.2	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.6
Mortgage interest and charges .....	8.3	6.4	9.6	11.5	10.7	6.8	8.9	7.6	6.0
Property taxes .....	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.2	2.8	3.1
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses .....	2.3	3.0	1.9	1.4	1.8	2.3	1.9	1.3	2.5
Rented dwellings .....	2.7	2.4	2.7	5.2	2.6	1.8	3.8	11.5	10.3
Other lodging .....	1.6	2.2	1.2	.7	1.1	1.5	1.0	.8	1.1
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.1	6.6	7.0	8.0	8.9	7.8
Natural gas .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Electricity .....	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.5	3.2	3.5	2.9
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.4	.5	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4
Telephone services .....	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.5	3.0	2.5
Water and other public services .....	.9	.9	.8	.8	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	.9
Household operations .....	2.0	1.5	2.4	5.4	2.3	1.1	1.9	2.9	1.8
Personal services .....	.8	.1	1.3	4.3	1.2	.1	.8	1.8	.5
Other household expenses .....	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.1
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4	.3
Other household products .....	.8	.7	.8	1.0	.7	.9	.8	.6	.6
Postage and stationery .....	.3	.4	.2	.3	.2	.3	.3	.4	.3
Household furnishings and equipment .....	3.4	3.6	3.3	4.1	3.1	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.8
Household textiles .....	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.2
Furniture .....	.8	.8	.8	1.2	.8	.7	.7	.7	.7
Floor coverings .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	( <sup>1</sup> )	.1	.1
Major appliances .....	.4	.5	.4	.5	.4	.4	.4	.4	.3
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.3
Apparel and services .....	3.5	2.9	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.2	5.0	3.5
Men and boys .....	.9	.7	1.0	.8	1.1	1.0	.7	.9	.7
Men, 16 and over .....	.7	.7	.8	.6	.7	.9	.5	.3	.7
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	.2	( <sup>1</sup> )	.3	.2	.4	.1	.2	.6	.1
Women and girls .....	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.3	2.1	1.4
Women, 16 and over .....	1.1	1.1	1.1	.9	1.0	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.3
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	.3	.1	.4	.3	.6	.2	.3	.7	.1
Children under 2 .....	.2	.1	.3	1.0	.2	.1	.3	.4	.1
Footwear .....	.6	.5	.7	.6	.8	.6	.5	1.1	.6
Other apparel products and services .....	.5	.5	.4	.4	.4	.5	.4	.5	.6
Transportation .....	17.6	17.5	17.4	16.6	16.6	19.4	19.2	15.9	16.0
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.4	6.1	6.5	5.1	4.9
Cars and trucks, new .....	2.8	3.0	2.6	3.2	2.5	2.4	3.6	1.7	2.2
Cars and trucks, used .....	2.6	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.5	3.4	2.6	3.3	2.5
Other vehicles .....	.3	.2	.3	4.2	.4	4.2	4.4	4.1	.2

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Gasoline and motor oil .....	5.5	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.5	5.9	6.4	5.6	5.1
Other vehicle expenses .....	5.3	5.5	5.2	4.9	4.8	6.3	5.4	4.5	5.0
Vehicle finance charges .....	.7	.6	.7	.8	.7	.7	.8	.6	.5
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.5
Vehicle insurance .....	2.3	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.7	3.1	2.2	1.5	2.1
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	.7	1.0	.8
Public transportation .....	1.1	1.3	.9	.7	.9	1.1	.9	.8	1.0
Healthcare .....	6.1	8.1	4.8	4.1	4.6	5.4	5.2	4.1	5.6
Health insurance .....	3.4	4.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.9	2.9	2.2	3.3
Medical services .....	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.2
Drugs .....	1.0	1.4	.7	.5	.6	.9	1.0	.6	.9
Medical supplies .....	.2	.3	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Entertainment .....	5.8	6.2	5.8	5.5	6.3	5.0	4.2	4.9	5.2
Fees and admissions .....	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.3	.8	1.2	.9
Audio and visual equipment and services .....	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.3
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment ..	1.5	1.8	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2	.9	1.3
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	.8	.5	.5	.6
Personal care products and services .....	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.2
Reading .....	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3
Education .....	2.2	1.4	2.7	.7	2.4	4.3	1.8	1.8	1.9
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.5	.5	.4	.4	.4	.5	.8	.7	.9
Miscellaneous .....	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.9
Cash contributions .....	3.5	4.4	2.9	2.2	2.9	3.4	2.7	2.0	3.5
Personal insurance and pensions .....	12.0	11.7	12.3	12.5	12.6	11.8	11.8	7.8	9.6
Life and other personal insurance .....	.8	.9	.7	.5	.7	.7	.7	.4	.4
Pensions and Social Security .....	11.3	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.9	11.0	11.1	7.4	9.2
Sources of income and personal taxes:									
Money income before taxes .....	\$85,829	\$75,312	\$94,697	\$81,190	\$97,616	\$97,702	\$89,986	\$37,100	\$41,125
Wages and salaries .....	82.3	70.5	90.5	93.3	91.6	87.2	84.7	77.4	75.5
Self-employment income .....	5.4	5.9	5.2	4.7	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.3
Social Security, private and government retirement .....	9.1	19.0	2.1	4.3	.8	5.3	8.3	2.4	14.3
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income .....	2.2	3.9	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.8	.7	2.1	2.8
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	.3	.3	.3	.1	.2	.5	.3	.5	.4
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.7	3.0	1.1
Regular contributions for support .....	.2	.1	.2	4.2	.3	4.1	.3	9.0	1.0
Other income .....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.1	.2	.3	.9	.6
Personal taxes .....	3.0	3.8	2.7	1.7	3.0	2.5	1.0	-1.5	2.9
Federal income taxes .....	3.0	3.6	2.8	2.2	3.1	2.6	1.5	-.3	2.9
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082) .....	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-1.5	-1.3	-1.2	-1.2	-1.8	-1.1
State and local income taxes .....	.9	.9	.9	.8	1.0	.8	.5	.4	.8
Other taxes .....	.3	.4	.3	.2	.3	.4	.2	.2	.3
Income after taxes .....	97.0	96.2	97.3	98.3	97.0	97.5	99.0	101.5	97.1

1 Value less than 0.05.

2 Value less than or equal to 0.5.

3 No data reported.

4 Data are likely to have large sampling errors.  
n.a. Not applicable.