

Table 686. Average Annual Expenditures of All Consumer Units by Region and Size of Unit: 2008

[In dollars. For composition of regions, see map, inside front cover. See headnote, Table 683]

Type	Region				Size of consumer unit				
	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	One person	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five or more
Expenditures, total	54,918	47,846	46,823	55,453	30,120	53,320	59,488	65,955	66,262
Food	6,959	5,966	6,109	7,037	3,620	6,276	7,598	9,172	9,805
Food at home	4,021	3,528	3,494	4,140	1,975	3,626	4,508	5,279	6,061
Cereals and bakery products	579	483	472	528	262	476	599	754	854
Cereals and cereal products	195	164	152	182	81	154	208	250	313
Bakery products	384	319	320	346	181	321	391	504	541
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs ¹	920	750	843	888	421	821	1,042	1,153	1,451
Beef	234	223	243	252	110	230	307	317	432
Pork	154	151	174	165	77	162	195	230	274
Poultry	184	135	157	166	78	150	208	216	274
Fish and seafood	167	96	119	143	75	124	149	168	208
Dairy products	461	421	392	473	234	411	507	622	683
Fresh milk and cream	175	160	161	182	92	150	200	252	291
Other dairy products	286	261	231	291	143	261	307	370	392
Fruits and vegetables ¹	725	591	580	792	365	654	791	884	1,007
Fresh fruits	242	199	189	292	122	221	273	299	336
Fresh vegetables	239	175	181	276	118	225	243	272	310
Processed fruits	136	112	104	126	69	106	140	166	186
Other food at home ¹	1,336	1,283	1,207	1,459	693	1,264	1,569	1,866	2,066
Sugar and other sweets	134	139	113	141	68	132	146	175	210
Nonalcoholic beverages	352	315	332	379	179	327	422	487	541
Food away from home	2,938	2,438	2,615	2,897	1,645	2,650	3,090	3,892	3,743
Alcoholic beverages	455	450	389	518	374	527	439	429	402
Housing	19,525	15,550	15,276	19,682	11,507	17,330	19,660	22,266	21,961
Shelter	12,023	8,923	8,479	12,721	7,511	10,143	11,267	13,138	12,513
Owned dwellings	7,889	6,282	5,643	8,130	3,686	6,931	7,824	10,036	9,162
Mortgage interest and charges	3,834	3,218	3,290	5,317	1,811	3,453	4,696	6,549	5,974
Property taxes	2,796	1,924	1,266	1,525	1,025	2,001	1,926	2,295	2,122
Maintenance, repair, insurance, other expenses	1,258	1,140	1,087	1,288	850	1,478	1,201	1,192	1,066
Rented dwellings	3,068	2,000	2,297	3,880	3,480	2,204	2,647	2,398	2,805
Other lodging	1,066	641	539	711	345	1,008	796	704	546
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,117	3,527	3,661	3,369	2,265	3,798	4,214	4,635	5,050
Natural gas	727	807	297	464	340	560	566	672	759
Electricity	1,302	1,124	1,648	1,154	832	1,393	1,582	1,733	1,896
Fuel oil and other fuels	599	147	83	77	131	260	180	181	177
Telephone	1,134	1,066	1,166	1,121	702	1,118	1,383	1,466	1,561
Water and other public services	355	382	466	554	260	466	503	583	657
Household operations	1,177	863	911	1,128	511	884	1,293	1,667	1,447
Personal services	507	356	336	384	74	176	645	957	804
Other household expenses	670	507	574	744	437	707	649	710	643
Housekeeping supplies ¹	665	678	646	635	347	691	775	910	900
Laundry and cleaning supplies	142	135	156	152	77	140	182	198	257
Postage and stationery	160	169	136	174	114	189	182	172	113
Household furnishings and equipment ¹	1,543	1,559	1,580	1,829	873	1,815	2,111	1,916	2,050
Household textiles	103	103	132	161	60	160	150	168	116
Furniture	419	353	407	366	210	399	542	468	528
Major appliances	208	204	183	236	93	229	261	271	274
Miscellaneous household equipment	659	725	724	888	416	829	974	834	988
Apparel and services ¹	1,974	1,618	1,772	1,888	922	1,710	2,376	2,494	2,847
Men and boys	423	348	427	509	199	389	579	608	739
Women and girls	800	677	714	699	384	718	917	913	1,121
Footwear	344	264	336	307	159	282	413	481	502
Other apparel products and services	314	219	214	280	164	275	282	311	267
Transportation	8,898	8,418	8,482	8,745	4,439	9,225	10,758	11,515	11,602
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) ¹	2,687	2,872	2,726	2,737	1,217	2,987	3,849	3,538	3,800
Cars and trucks, new	1,379	1,274	1,355	1,195	553	1,594	1,774	1,622	1,409
Cars and trucks, used	1,203	1,445	1,263	1,360	605	1,266	1,828	1,754	2,215
Gasoline and motor oil	2,386	2,664	2,937	2,679	1,384	2,789	3,280	3,805	4,057
Other vehicle expenses	3,059	2,472	2,488	2,623	1,523	2,829	3,062	3,609	3,151
Vehicle finance charges	233	289	364	318	121	314	404	489	492
Maintenance and repair	793	692	650	850	443	804	817	947	907
Vehicle insurance	1,363	980	1,181	931	700	1,203	1,288	1,538	1,193
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	670	511	294	524	259	508	553	635	558
Public transportation	765	410	331	706	314	620	568	563	594
Health care ²	3,035	3,049	2,849	3,057	1,821	3,972	2,944	3,039	3,022
Entertainment ³	2,960	2,758	2,512	3,333	1,655	3,178	3,070	3,714	3,612
Personal care products and services	638	551	580	721	388	638	733	805	777
Reading	141	118	87	140	88	144	123	115	98
Education	1,585	1,029	797	1,019	602	866	1,404	1,626	1,617
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	324	357	324	257	214	326	421	350	385
Miscellaneous	952	725	743	1,020	558	955	1,005	946	888
Cash contributions	1,485	1,705	1,744	1,966	1,314	2,079	1,873	1,603	1,821
Personal insurance and pensions	5,987	5,552	5,158	6,067	2,620	6,095	7,084	7,881	7,426
Life and other personal insurance	384	306	321	265	108	421	399	380	376
Pensions and social security	5,602	5,246	4,837	5,803	2,511	5,674	6,685	7,501	7,050
Personal taxes	2,258	1,270	1,389	2,584	1,205	2,413	2,414	1,890	308

¹ Includes other types not shown separately. ² For additional health care expenditures, see Table 139. ³ For additional recreation expenditures, see Section 26.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Consumer Expenditures in 2008*, News Release, USDL-09-1208 October 2009. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/cex/2008/Standard/cusize.pdf>> and <<http://www.bls.gov/cex/2008/Standard/region.pdf>>.