

Table 3002. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2011-2012

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	22,498	8,922	2,599	2,918
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes	\$71,884	\$80,222	\$71,691	\$79,833
Age of reference person	50.8	50.5	51.2	50.5
Average number in consumer unit:				
Persons	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.4
Children under 186	.6	.5	.6
Persons 65 and older4	.4	.3	.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.4
Vehicles	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.7
Percent homeowner	63	56	67	63
Average annual expenditures	\$55,215	\$58,658	\$53,546	\$64,982
Food	6,881	7,274	6,788	8,563
Food at home	4,077	4,185	3,909	5,408
Cereals and bakery products	598	601	605	814
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	890	1,004	817	1,101
Dairy products	446	438	446	569
Fruits and vegetables	805	870	697	1,104
Other food at home	1,339	1,272	1,344	1,819
Food away from home	2,804	3,089	2,879	3,155
Alcoholic beverages	513	448	548	813
Housing	19,650	23,315	20,302	20,637
Shelter	12,153	15,631	12,204	12,583
Owned dwellings	7,561	9,208	8,221	7,749
Rented dwellings	3,752	5,536	3,317	3,548
Other lodging	840	887	666	1,286
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,038	4,211	4,465	4,046
Household operations	1,351	1,543	1,432	1,526
Housekeeping supplies	619	603	720	606
Household furnishings and equipment	1,490	1,327	1,481	1,875
Apparel and services	1,869	2,281	1,889	2,022
Transportation	8,645	8,031	7,688	9,610
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,790	2,031	2,266	3,338
Gasoline and motor oil	2,506	2,208	2,424	2,787
Other vehicle expenses	2,566	2,650	2,518	2,593
Public and other transportation	783	1,142	480	893
Health care	3,470	3,294	3,408	4,135
Entertainment	2,678	2,474	2,739	3,485
Personal care products and services	631	692	652	710
Reading	132	104	159	166
Education	1,704	1,790	1,346	2,306
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	355	259	282	451
Miscellaneous	898	842	701	1,315
Cash contributions	1,803	1,502	1,693	3,251
Personal insurance and pensions	5,985	6,352	5,352	7,518
Life and other personal insurance	369	363	210	373
Pensions and Social Security	5,615	5,990	5,142	7,144

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2013