

**Table 3004. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2016-2017**

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	23,437	7,493	2,437	1,986
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes .....	\$80,741	\$88,313	\$88,974	\$95,276
Age of reference person .....	52.5	52.2	53.3	49.6
Average number in consumer unit:				
People.....	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.2
Children under 18.....	.5	.5	.5	.5
Adults 65 and older.....	.4	.4	.4	.4
Earners .....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
Vehicles .....	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.6
Percent homeowner.....	60	49	70	55
Average annual expenditures .....	\$62,391	\$67,782	\$65,436	\$74,316
Food.....	7,611	7,689	8,203	8,264
Food at home .....	4,418	4,285	4,857	5,108
Cereals and bakery products .....	594	572	696	712
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	977	984	997	1,033
Dairy products .....	468	456	495	519
Fruits and vegetables.....	891	910	1,033	1,080
Other food at home .....	1,489	1,364	1,637	1,764
Food away from home.....	3,193	3,404	3,345	3,156
Alcoholic beverages.....	560	499	492	823
Housing .....	22,063	26,113	20,932	29,015
Shelter .....	14,006	18,174	12,413	18,887
Owned dwellings .....	8,123	9,299	8,383	11,069
Rented dwellings .....	4,820	7,807	2,905	6,230
Other lodging.....	1,063	1,068	1,124	1,588
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	3,999	4,000	4,380	4,125
Household operations .....	1,507	1,697	1,584	2,217
Housekeeping supplies .....	683	661	781	629
Household furnishings and equipment.....	1,867	1,582	1,775	3,157
Apparel and services .....	1,951	2,291	2,125	2,134
Transportation.....	8,494	7,907	9,505	8,463
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	2,951	1,777	3,617	2,961
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil .....	1,665	1,378	1,843	1,746
Other vehicle expenses.....	2,914	3,167	3,245	2,678
Public and other transportation .....	964	1,586	801	1,077
Healthcare.....	4,889	4,681	5,540	5,261
Entertainment .....	2,952	2,672	2,821	3,844
Personal care products and services .....	729	791	765	741
Reading.....	107	105	157	96
Education .....	2,144	2,733	2,702	3,101
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	362	245	401	344
Miscellaneous .....	1,088	999	1,581	1,251
Cash contributions .....	2,187	3,329	1,560	2,665
Personal insurance and pensions .....	7,254	7,727	8,653	8,314
Life and other personal insurance.....	429	465	482	332
Pensions and Social Security.....	6,825	7,262	8,171	7,982

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2018