

Table 3004. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Surveys, 2021-2022

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands) ¹	23,083	6,983	2,036	1,738
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes	\$104,423	\$117,048	\$107,748	\$130,663
Age of reference person	53.0	52.0	53.7	49.7
Average number in consumer unit:				
People	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.2
Children under 185	.6	.6	.4
Adults 65 and older4	.4	.5	.4
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3
Vehicles	1.7	1.2	1.6	1.6
Percent homeowner	63	50	71	57
Average annual expenditures	\$76,331	\$83,064	\$85,897	\$89,795
Food	9,772	10,643	10,492	10,873
Food at home	6,217	6,639	6,126	6,561
Cereals and bakery products	834	818	809	911
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1,305	1,534	1,269	1,198
Dairy products	600	664	558	577
Fruits and vegetables	1,280	1,460	1,237	1,414
Other food at home	2,198	2,163	2,252	2,461
Food away from home	3,555	4,004	4,366	4,312
Alcoholic beverages	764	788	871	1,100
Housing	26,493	31,213	28,453	31,679
Shelter	16,458	21,479	16,916	20,863
Owned dwellings	9,412	10,509	11,200	10,944
Rented dwellings	5,553	9,214	3,846	7,973
Other lodging	1,493	1,756	1,870	1,946
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,700	4,633	5,060	4,860
Household operations	1,961	1,986	2,543	2,390
Housekeeping supplies	837	790	861	780
Household furnishings and equipment	2,536	2,325	3,073	2,786
Apparel and services	2,194	2,699	3,597	1,807
Transportation	11,026	10,326	11,247	11,697
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,954	3,115	² 3,877	4,334
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil	2,240	1,731	2,368	2,309
Other vehicle expenses	3,875	3,905	3,805	3,831
Public and other transportation	958	1,574	1,197	1,223
Healthcare	5,914	5,154	6,958	6,923
Entertainment	3,496	3,437	4,367	4,223
Personal care products and services	900	1,056	959	1,058
Reading	141	140	249	130
Education	2,002	2,737	2,592	3,036
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	325	188	329	244
Miscellaneous	1,109	1,009	1,275	1,526
Cash contributions	2,595	3,036	4,011	3,042
Personal insurance and pensions	9,601	10,639	10,496	12,456
Life and other personal insurance	604	834	729	449
Pensions and Social Security	8,997	9,805	9,767	12,007

¹ Data are rounded to the nearest thousands.

² Data are likely to have large sampling errors.