

Table 3023. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2011-2012

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	45,620	2,168	973	2,348	1,647	2,510	2,130
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes	\$59,511	\$111,926	\$96,902	\$71,163	\$58,889	\$70,990	\$73,523
Age of reference person	50.2	49.0	51.1	48.0	52.1	47.0	45.2
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.9
Children under 186	.6	.7	.7	.5	.8	.9
Persons 65 and older3	.3	.3	.2	.4	.3	.2
Earners	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5
Vehicles	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.9
Percent homeowner	67	70	72	67	56	61	65
Average annual expenditures	\$46,743	\$77,943	\$62,262	\$51,935	\$40,595	\$57,144	\$58,231
Food	6,069	9,040	7,904	6,068	5,548	7,150	7,272
Food at home	3,579	4,778	4,382	3,657	3,504	4,141	3,939
Cereals and bakery products	483	637	666	501	490	569	530
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	825	1,048	948	837	912	980	864
Dairy products	370	486	412	347	369	416	371
Fruits and vegetables	625	956	789	735	727	735	744
Other food at home	1,276	1,651	1,567	1,237	1,007	1,442	1,431
Food away from home	2,489	4,262	3,522	2,411	2,044	3,009	3,333
Alcoholic beverages	380	792	557	412	293	447	474
Housing	15,126	27,475	21,031	18,043	15,592	18,810	18,547
Shelter	8,205	17,603	12,858	10,179	10,320	10,565	10,244
Owned dwellings	5,128	11,510	8,584	6,575	5,160	6,334	6,787
Rented dwellings	2,562	4,396	3,409	3,032	4,765	3,728	2,816
Other lodging	515	1,697	865	571	395	504	641
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,799	4,413	4,307	4,283	3,316	4,364	4,318
Household operations	999	2,238	1,344	1,199	593	1,429	1,328
Housekeeping supplies	588	788	860	549	543	716	594
Household furnishings and equipment	1,535	2,433	1,661	1,832	819	1,735	2,063
Apparel and services	1,639	2,932	1,892	1,841	1,150	2,474	2,279
Transportation	8,679	11,656	8,532	8,769	6,883	10,653	11,811
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,080	3,890	¹ 2,155	3,061	¹ 1,542	4,087	4,356
Gasoline and motor oil	2,829	2,983	2,921	3,025	2,523	3,189	3,542
Other vehicle expenses	2,417	3,530	2,813	2,122	2,387	2,939	3,314
Public and other transportation	353	1,253	643	561	431	439	600
Health care	3,198	4,584	3,706	2,957	2,149	3,690	3,187
Entertainment	2,379	3,586	3,043	2,273	1,442	3,025	2,892
Personal care products and services	617	1,027	798	640	567	799	838
Reading	85	195	156	86	37	104	113
Education	767	1,855	2,494	1,564	378	784	819
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	378	291	159	152	204	382	377
Miscellaneous	663	1,448	588	666	539	488	989
Cash contributions	1,657	2,512	2,100	1,968	714	1,947	2,120
Personal insurance and pensions	5,107	10,548	9,303	6,498	5,100	6,390	6,514
Life and other personal insurance	351	866	526	336	235	351	582
Pensions and Social Security	4,756	9,682	8,777	6,163	4,865	6,039	5,931

¹ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.