

**Table 3023. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2013-2014**

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	47,059	2,278	913	2,274	1,785	2,688	2,074
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes .....	\$60,011	\$117,645	\$84,605	\$69,821	\$51,787	\$74,119	\$95,103
Age of reference person .....	50.3	48.7	53.2	48.1	50.1	47.4	47.3
Average number in consumer unit:							
People .....	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7
Children under 18 .....	.6	.7	.5	.6	.6	.7	.7
Adults 65 and older .....	.4	.3	.4	.2	.3	.3	.2
Earners .....	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4
Vehicles .....	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.9	1.7
Percent homeowner .....	66	66	72	65	53	59	64
Average annual expenditures .....	\$47,667	\$80,795	\$63,145	\$49,161	\$43,066	\$61,698	\$66,237
Food .....	6,217	8,109	7,288	6,275	5,610	7,813	7,987
Food at home .....	3,658	4,342	4,100	3,651	3,480	4,048	4,362
Cereals and bakery products .....	489	528	603	488	433	520	511
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	858	990	900	799	1,039	915	960
Dairy products .....	360	441	387	326	354	382	384
Fruits and vegetables .....	658	883	791	781	701	741	796
Other food at home .....	1,293	1,500	1,419	1,257	953	1,490	1,711
Food away from home .....	2,559	3,767	3,187	2,624	2,131	3,765	3,625
Alcoholic beverages .....	362	563	450	385	375	744	612
Housing .....	15,525	28,888	21,399	16,316	16,981	20,405	22,155
Shelter .....	8,594	18,740	13,147	9,791	11,567	11,472	12,786
Owned dwellings .....	5,205	11,746	8,628	5,884	5,417	6,607	7,549
Rented dwellings .....	2,834	5,699	3,588	3,336	5,677	4,053	3,786
Other lodging .....	555	1,295	932	571	472	812	1,452
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	3,906	4,708	3,962	3,992	3,327	4,425	4,491
Household operations .....	1,043	2,526	1,669	1,084	812	1,523	1,879
Housekeeping supplies .....	592	709	636	499	584	819	937
Household furnishings and equipment .....	1,390	2,205	1,985	950	692	2,166	2,061
Apparel and services .....	1,530	2,092	1,947	1,694	1,350	2,254	2,276
Transportation .....	8,858	14,559	9,489	8,086	7,243	11,290	11,873
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	3,393	6,143	2,533	2,512	1,574	4,651	4,684
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2,639	2,712	2,848	2,739	2,608	2,919	3,247
Other vehicle expenses .....	2,454	4,490	3,369	2,421	2,667	3,102	3,088
Public and other transportation .....	371	1,213	740	415	394	617	854
Healthcare .....	3,645	4,914	3,877	3,565	2,433	4,315	4,009
Entertainment .....	2,341	3,430	2,789	1,980	1,565	3,114	3,247
Personal care products and services .....	566	829	819	549	712	781	780
Reading .....	80	232	129	64	54	93	99
Education .....	814	1,979	1,803	1,379	632	1,010	1,935
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	344	241	185	172	172	289	399
Miscellaneous .....	616	959	1,038	351	376	860	1,035
Cash contributions .....	1,690	3,401	2,124	2,063	739	1,803	2,267
Personal insurance and pensions .....	5,078	10,597	9,808	6,281	4,823	6,927	7,563
Life and other personal insurance .....	297	675	473	254	248	251	332
Pensions and Social Security .....	4,781	9,923	9,335	6,027	4,575	6,676	7,231

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2015