

Table 3023. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2014-2015

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	48,115	2,267	949	2,142	1,871	2,716	2,270
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes	\$61,614	\$115,258	\$91,242	\$73,671	\$53,517	\$76,434	\$88,406
Age of reference person	50.5	49.6	52.5	47.9	53.3	46.6	47.6
Average number in consumer unit:							
People	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.7
Children under 186	.6	.6	.6	.5	.7	.8
Adults 65 and older4	.3	.4	.3	.4	.3	.2
Earners	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4
Vehicles	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.8
Percent homeowner	65	65	73	66	55	59	62
Average annual expenditures	\$50,690	\$81,293	\$68,441	\$53,195	\$48,967	\$63,976	\$67,161
Food	6,497	7,840	7,780	5,892	6,755	8,240	8,408
Food at home	3,733	4,114	4,502	3,448	4,112	4,241	4,394
Cereals and bakery products	484	513	628	409	505	525	505
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	875	882	1,009	893	1,135	927	1,089
Dairy products	366	426	448	320	408	407	383
Fruits and vegetables	686	863	823	707	881	850	792
Other food at home	1,322	1,430	1,594	1,118	1,184	1,532	1,625
Food away from home	2,764	3,726	3,278	2,444	2,643	3,999	4,014
Alcoholic beverages	392	650	523	318	510	678	557
Housing	16,283	29,753	23,908	17,684	17,750	20,976	21,672
Shelter	8,903	19,813	14,796	10,482	11,878	11,415	12,235
Owned dwellings	5,252	12,123	10,744	6,318	5,633	6,206	7,021
Rented dwellings	3,022	6,056	3,011	3,498	5,726	4,502	4,075
Other lodging	629	1,635	1,042	667	520	708	1,139
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,000	4,537	4,290	4,231	3,362	4,557	4,625
Household operations	1,128	2,534	1,892	1,327	944	1,605	1,840
Housekeeping supplies	630	648	775	422	709	813	713
Household furnishings and equipment	1,621	2,220	2,154	1,221	858	2,585	2,259
Apparel and services	1,624	2,286	1,973	1,741	2,302	2,198	2,545
Transportation	9,309	12,744	10,783	8,586	8,884	11,306	13,462
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	4,047	5,498	3,712	3,010	2,538	5,082	6,468
Gasoline and motor oil	2,332	2,386	2,389	2,535	2,282	2,606	2,892
Other vehicle expenses	2,498	3,464	3,842	2,556	3,494	3,073	3,356
Public and other transportation	432	1,396	839	485	569	546	745
Healthcare	4,144	5,556	4,683	4,098	2,929	4,935	4,296
Entertainment	2,599	3,192	2,624	2,527	1,755	3,221	3,205
Personal care products and services	597	816	864	530	636	790	900
Reading	94	239	244	84	50	127	109
Education	930	2,243	1,592	1,336	504	935	1,722
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	366	249	151	217	202	328	425
Miscellaneous	678	1,014	1,071	399	449	926	814
Cash contributions	1,787	4,180	2,292	2,171	1,101	1,938	2,046
Personal insurance and pensions	5,391	10,532	9,953	7,613	5,139	7,377	7,000
Life and other personal insurance	291	719	571	169	242	390	287
Pensions and Social Security	5,100	9,814	9,382	7,444	4,898	6,987	6,712

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, August, 2016