

Table 3024. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2015-2016

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston	Tampa
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	49,426	2,037	979	1,915	2,076	2,621	2,367	1,066
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes	\$64,798	\$113,770	\$95,735	\$80,999	\$75,109	\$82,069	\$74,717	\$62,529
Age of reference person	50.7	50.0	51.5	46.7	54.7	47.0	47.8	53.9
Average number in consumer unit:								
People	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.3
Children under 186	.5	.7	.7	.4	.6	.8	.4
Adults 65 and older4	.3	.3	.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Earners	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.1
Vehicles	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Percent homeowner	65	64	70	61	59	58	60	65
Average annual expenditures	\$52,312	\$74,903	\$69,126	\$58,282	\$56,701	\$62,188	\$64,045	\$51,427
Food	6,670	8,118	8,344	5,927	6,938	7,372	9,188	6,472
Food at home	3,776	4,289	4,443	3,423	4,121	3,921	4,493	3,748
Cereals and bakery products	483	530	593	406	559	486	533	536
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	866	915	926	910	1,059	827	1,155	760
Dairy products	363	446	432	295	381	365	356	363
Fruits and vegetables	700	917	865	636	884	773	916	714
Other food at home	1,363	1,481	1,627	1,176	1,238	1,470	1,534	1,376
Food away from home	2,894	3,829	3,901	2,504	2,816	3,450	4,694	2,724
Alcoholic beverages	404	674	654	299	511	349	565	425
Housing	16,745	26,657	23,743	19,951	20,684	21,295	20,559	17,372
Shelter	9,201	17,821	15,061	11,541	13,664	12,209	11,693	9,779
Owned dwellings	5,319	10,715	9,970	6,597	6,890	6,221	6,731	5,464
Rented dwellings	3,183	5,283	3,836	4,051	5,568	5,334	4,346	3,831
Other lodging	699	1,823	1,255	894	1,207	654	616	484
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,943	4,138	4,239	4,453	3,722	4,430	4,342	3,860
Household operations	1,247	2,007	1,953	1,619	1,606	1,577	1,483	1,743
Housekeeping supplies	654	657	669	486	642	693	818	617
Household furnishings and equipment	1,700	2,035	1,821	1,852	1,050	2,386	2,224	1,374
Apparel and services	1,683	2,516	1,806	1,909	3,172	2,085	2,715	1,571
Transportation	9,431	9,629	11,610	10,917	8,093	9,821	13,136	9,206
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	4,338	3,572	5,310	5,265	¹ 1,815	3,841	6,001	3,814
Gasoline and motor oil	2,032	1,907	2,154	2,464	2,113	2,292	2,278	1,812
Other vehicle expenses	2,618	2,796	3,459	2,670	3,244	3,111	4,225	3,148
Public and other transportation	442	1,354	686	518	921	577	632	433
Healthcare	4,269	5,435	4,770	4,001	3,732	4,826	4,054	4,458
Entertainment	2,670	3,192	3,017	3,082	2,049	3,320	2,942	2,306
Personal care products and services	629	864	877	578	637	794	981	741
Reading	93	222	217	87	50	134	107	53
Education	999	1,872	1,304	1,315	501	995	799	668
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	361	237	231	250	176	337	278	303
Miscellaneous	702	1,290	894	588	489	1,028	712	433
Cash contributions	1,796	3,544	1,741	1,678	1,213	1,608	1,470	832
Personal insurance and pensions	5,861	10,652	9,917	7,699	8,455	8,226	6,537	6,585
Life and other personal insurance	295	581	465	177	176	404	201	169
Pensions and Social Security	5,567	10,071	9,452	7,522	8,279	7,822	6,337	6,416

¹ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.