

Table 24. Selected western metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2010-2011

Item	All consumer units in the West	Los Angeles	San Francisco	San Diego	Seattle	Phoenix
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	27,588	5,660	3,027	1,177	1,930	1,540
Consumer unit characteristics:						
Income before taxes	\$67,707	\$69,164	\$95,724	\$81,296	\$79,155	\$55,667
Age of reference person	48.5	48.3	48.0	47.2	46.9	46.8
Average number in consumer unit:						
Persons	2.6	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.5
Children under 187	.8	.6	.6	.6	.8
Persons 65 and older3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2
Vehicles	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7	2.3	1.8
Percent homeowner	59	50	53	50	61	63
Average annual expenditures	\$54,112	\$54,321	\$71,613	\$53,031	\$61,773	\$49,662
Food	6,997	7,148	8,260	5,861	6,951	6,433
Food at home	4,042	3,959	4,301	3,150	3,796	3,789
Cereals and bakery products	536	497	567	376	542	532
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	847	903	895	643	738	731
Dairy products	428	401	424	319	407	355
Fruits and vegetables	802	856	991	656	672	650
Other food at home	1,429	1,302	1,424	1,156	1,436	1,520
Food away from home	2,955	3,189	3,959	2,712	3,156	2,645
Alcoholic beverages	553	611	699	660	726	548
Housing	19,208	20,435	26,990	21,639	21,557	16,641
Shelter	12,215	13,773	19,182	15,210	13,612	9,235
Owned dwellings	7,235	6,808	11,051	8,075	8,557	5,879
Rented dwellings	4,212	6,235	6,594	6,694	3,631	2,772
Other lodging	768	731	1,537	441	1,424	584
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,360	3,150	3,318	3,251	3,630	3,832
Household operations	1,327	1,447	2,201	1,210	1,677	1,098
Housekeeping supplies	633	644	604	488	688	762
Household furnishings and equipment	1,673	1,420	1,684	1,480	1,951	1,714
Apparel and services	1,928	2,234	2,123	1,871	1,920	2,348
Transportation	8,303	8,784	9,348	7,900	9,485	8,372
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,584	2,464	2,351	2,106	3,390	3,046
Gasoline and motor oil	2,379	2,615	2,340	2,673	2,411	2,409
Other vehicle expenses	2,668	3,079	3,417	2,651	2,502	2,546
Public and other transportation	673	626	1,241	469	1,182	371
Health care	3,240	2,475	3,759	2,668	3,681	2,566
Entertainment	2,771	2,343	3,328	2,385	3,848	3,692
Personal care products and services	697	712	789	664	852	510
Reading	126	95	186	87	183	94
Education	1,156	1,388	1,985	667	1,552	407
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	267	160	180	176	322	454
Miscellaneous	996	731	1,307	618	1,117	942
Cash contributions	1,850	1,308	2,476	1,320	2,292	1,621
Personal insurance and pensions	6,020	5,896	10,181	6,517	7,285	5,034
Life and other personal insurance	281	235	307	138	390	185
Pensions and Social Security	5,739	5,661	9,874	6,379	6,895	4,849

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2012