

**Table 8. Region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2007-2008**

Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	120,471	22,365	27,624	43,424	27,059
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes .....	\$63,328	\$70,186	\$60,231	\$58,555	\$68,479
Income after taxes .....	61,317	67,809	58,660	56,838	65,850
Age of reference person .....	49.0	50.7	48.5	49.0	47.8
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons .....	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6
Children under 18 .....	.6	.6	.6	.6	.7
Persons 65 and older .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners .....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles .....	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.9	2.0
Percent distribution:					
Sex of reference person:					
Male .....	47	45	49	45	49
Female .....	53	55	51	55	51
Housing tenure:					
Homeowner .....	67	65	68	69	63
With mortgage .....	43	41	44	43	44
Without mortgage .....	24	24	25	26	19
Renter .....	33	35	32	31	37
Race of reference person:					
Black or African-American .....	12	11	9	20	4
White, Asian, and all other races .....	88	89	91	80	96
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:					
Hispanic or Latino .....	12	9	4	13	19
Not Hispanic or Latino .....	88	91	96	87	81
Education of reference person:					
Elementary (1-8) .....	5	4	4	6	5
High school (9-12) .....	35	37	34	38	30
College .....	60	59	61	56	65
Never attended and other .....	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
At least one vehicle owned or leased .....	88	80	90	90	91
Average annual expenditures .....	\$50,063	\$53,268	\$47,929	\$46,149	\$55,873
Food .....	6,288	6,688	5,878	5,946	6,925
Food at home .....	3,605	3,806	3,389	3,404	3,982
Cereals and bakery products .....	483	537	463	455	504
Cereals and cereal products .....	156	176	147	143	170
Bakery products .....	327	361	316	312	335
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	812	875	720	807	860
Beef .....	228	221	212	231	243
Pork .....	156	152	145	167	154
Other meats .....	105	125	105	99	100
Poultry .....	150	168	123	153	160
Fish and seafood .....	125	163	96	111	145
Eggs .....	47	48	39	46	56
Dairy products .....	409	430	398	380	448
Fresh milk and cream .....	161	163	153	159	172
Other dairy products .....	248	267	245	221	276
Fruits and vegetables .....	628	686	568	566	743
Fresh fruits .....	212	229	195	183	262
Fresh vegetables .....	201	222	168	178	254
Processed fruits .....	114	135	108	103	123
Processed vegetables .....	101	100	97	102	104

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other food at home .....	\$1,273	\$1,278	\$1,240	\$1,196	\$1,428
Sugar and other sweets .....	127	129	132	115	139
Fats and oils .....	98	103	92	94	105
Miscellaneous foods .....	665	654	658	623	748
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	338	343	314	329	373
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	46	49	44	35	64
Food away from home .....	2,683	2,881	2,489	2,543	2,942
Alcoholic beverages .....	450	481	476	386	503
Housing .....	17,015	19,305	15,466	15,095	19,784
Shelter .....	10,103	11,831	8,881	8,357	12,725
Owned dwellings .....	6,745	7,752	6,260	5,683	8,114
Mortgage interest and charges .....	3,858	3,775	3,264	3,355	5,342
Property taxes .....	1,734	2,722	1,863	1,262	1,540
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses .....	1,154	1,255	1,133	1,066	1,232
Rented dwellings .....	2,663	3,052	1,942	2,185	3,845
Other lodging .....	694	1,027	679	488	766
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	3,563	3,975	3,426	3,604	3,299
Natural gas .....	506	690	748	291	450
Electricity .....	1,328	1,289	1,120	1,608	1,124
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	171	527	132	77	69
Telephone services .....	1,118	1,127	1,046	1,167	1,108
Water and other public services .....	440	342	380	461	547
Household operations .....	991	1,094	859	922	1,151
Personal services .....	399	470	375	368	416
Other household expenses .....	592	623	484	554	736
Housekeeping supplies .....	647	620	649	620	709
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	144	131	140	154	142
Other household products .....	348	333	347	332	390
Postage and stationery .....	154	156	162	135	177
Household furnishings and equipment .....	1,711	1,786	1,651	1,592	1,900
Household textiles .....	130	125	105	130	158
Furniture .....	417	504	377	395	420
Floor coverings .....	46	59	51	35	45
Major appliances .....	218	224	218	203	236
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	107	105	104	96	129
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	794	769	796	733	912
Apparel and services .....	1,841	2,021	1,743	1,733	1,965
Men and boys .....	431	437	364	426	504
Men, 16 and over .....	348	344	280	342	428
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	84	93	83	84	75
Women and girls .....	734	806	750	676	749
Women, 16 and over .....	612	675	630	555	632
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	121	130	119	121	117
Children under 2 .....	93	88	99	84	106
Footwear .....	321	347	299	316	328
Other apparel products and services .....	262	344	231	230	278
Transportation .....	8,680	8,455	8,550	8,484	9,314
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	2,999	2,597	3,138	2,969	3,236
Cars and trucks, new .....	1,438	1,376	1,402	1,439	1,525
Cars and trucks, used .....	1,441	1,149	1,571	1,429	1,569
Other vehicles .....	120	73	165	102	142
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2,550	2,233	2,537	2,731	2,533

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other vehicle expenses .....	\$2,607	\$2,867	\$2,445	\$2,434	\$2,832
Vehicle finance charges .....	309	241	285	353	318
Maintenance and repairs .....	734	755	693	669	863
Vehicle insurance .....	1,092	1,215	944	1,112	1,110
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges .....	471	656	523	300	541
Public transportation .....	525	757	430	349	713
Healthcare .....	2,914	2,840	3,073	2,825	2,958
Health insurance .....	1,599	1,646	1,681	1,566	1,531
Medical services .....	718	634	764	647	855
Drugs .....	481	439	494	511	456
Medical supplies .....	116	121	134	101	116
Entertainment .....	2,767	2,885	2,672	2,417	3,327
Fees and admissions .....	637	764	611	492	791
Audio and visual equipment and services .....	1,012	1,050	950	999	1,062
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment .....	632	645	561	574	787
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	486	427	550	352	687
Personal care products and services .....	602	624	547	573	686
Reading .....	117	138	122	88	140
Education .....	996	1,374	1,107	770	930
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	320	342	361	328	246
Miscellaneous .....	824	889	751	698	1,045
Cash contributions .....	1,779	1,453	1,748	1,753	2,121
Personal insurance and pensions .....	5,471	5,772	5,434	5,054	5,928
Life and other personal insurance .....	313	363	326	310	263
Pensions and Social Security .....	5,158	5,409	5,108	4,744	5,665
Sources of income and personal taxes:					
Money income before taxes .....	63,328	70,186	60,231	58,555	68,479
Wages and salaries .....	50,666	57,619	47,811	46,841	53,971
Self-employment income .....	3,332	3,034	3,388	2,587	4,715
Social Security, private and government retirement .....	6,478	6,571	6,329	6,599	6,361
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income .....	1,627	1,604	1,528	1,446	2,037
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	221	264	271	177	203
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	352	401	304	328	398
Regular contributions for support .....	454	474	413	394	578
Other income .....	198	221	188	183	215
Personal taxes .....	2,011	2,377	1,571	1,716	2,629
Federal income taxes .....	1,693	1,777	1,251	1,611	2,209
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082) .....	-393	-378	-422	-393	-374
State and local income taxes .....	505	661	495	346	642
Other taxes .....	205	318	247	153	153

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Item	All consumer units	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Income after taxes .....	61,317	67,809	58,660	56,838	65,850
Addenda:					
Net change in total assets and liabilities .....	-\$3,298	-\$1,617	-\$4,105	-\$1,801	-\$6,265
Net change in total assets .....	8,994	8,621	6,537	6,426	15,931
Net change in total liabilities .....	12,292	10,238	10,641	8,228	22,196
Other financial information:					
Other money receipts .....	573	480	564	527	731
Mortgage principal paid on owned property .....	-2,287	-2,392	-2,211	-1,978	-2,771
Estimated market value of owned home .....	176,050	206,347	136,128	137,697	253,313
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home ....	888	1,010	773	816	1,020
Gifts of goods and services .....	1,204	1,382	1,223	1,065	1,261
Food .....	95	109	103	86	91
Alcoholic beverages .....	13	12	12	13	15
Housing .....	227	243	241	201	241
Housekeeping supplies .....	31	25	40	24	37
Household textiles .....	13	14	11	12	15
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	21	20	17	22	23
Major appliances .....	7	7	5	7	10
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	14	14	12	15	14
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	56	54	69	41	70
Other housing .....	106	129	104	102	95
Apparel and services .....	232	252	238	221	226
Males, 2 and over .....	52	51	49	56	51
Females, 2 and over .....	83	102	90	73	75
Children under 2 .....	47	47	47	43	56
Other apparel products and services .....	49	52	52	50	43
Jewelry and watches .....	20	19	24	17	19
All other apparel products and services .....	30	34	28	33	24
Transportation .....	104	72	77	114	142
Healthcare .....	23	17	21	16	39
Entertainment .....	96	87	94	90	114
Toys, games, arts and crafts, and tricycles .....	32	34	30	33	31
Other entertainment .....	64	53	64	57	83
Personal care products and services .....	15	13	11	17	16
Reading .....	1	2	1	1	1
Education .....	303	478	332	236	238
All other gifts .....	96	97	93	71	139

<sup>1</sup> Value is less than or equal to 0.5.