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Item	All consumer units	One person	Two or more persons				
			Total	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five or more persons
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	120,770	35,064	85,706	39,629	17,982	16,514	11,580
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes	\$63,563	\$32,994	\$76,068	\$68,168	\$77,032	\$87,390	\$85,464
Income after taxes	61,774	31,789	74,041	65,755	74,618	85,501	85,156
Age of reference person	49.1	52.6	47.6	53.9	44.0	41.1	41.5
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	2.5	1.0	3.1	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.6
Children under 18 .....	.6	n.a.	.9	.1	.8	1.6	2.7
Persons 65 and older .....	.3	.3	.3	.5	.2	.1	.1
Earners	1.3	.6	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.9	2.2
Vehicles	2.0	1.1	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.5
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male	47	47	47	51	43	44	42
Female	53	53	53	49	57	56	58
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner	66	49	74	75	69	75	72
With mortgage	42	24	50	42	51	63	58
Without mortgage	24	25	24	34	18	12	14
Renter	34	51	26	25	31	25	28
Race of reference person:							
Black or African-American	12	13	12	10	14	12	14
White, Asian, and all other races	88	87	88	90	86	88	86
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:							
Hispanic or Latino	12	7	13	8	15	17	25
Not Hispanic or Latino	88	93	87	92	85	83	75
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	5	5	5	4	3	4	8
High school (9-12)	35	34	35	34	38	33	39
College	60	60	60	61	59	63	53
Never attended and other	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	89	77	94	93	92	95	95
Average annual expenditures	\$50,486	\$30,120	\$58,786	\$53,320	\$59,488	\$65,955	\$66,262
Food	6,443	3,620	7,581	6,276	7,598	9,172	9,805
Food at home	3,744	1,975	4,457	3,626	4,508	5,279	6,061
Cereals and bakery products	507	262	606	476	599	754	854
Cereals and cereal products	170	81	205	154	208	250	313
Bakery products	337	181	400	321	391	504	541
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	846	421	1,017	821	1,042	1,153	1,451
Beef	239	110	291	230	307	317	432
Pork	163	77	197	162	195	230	274
Other meats	106	52	128	107	121	154	175
Poultry	159	78	192	150	208	216	274
Fish and seafood	128	75	149	124	149	168	208
Eggs	51	29	60	47	62	68	88
Dairy products	430	234	508	411	507	622	683
Fresh milk and cream	168	92	199	150	200	252	291
Other dairy products	261	143	309	261	307	370	392
Fruits and vegetables	657	365	775	654	791	884	1,007
Fresh fruits	222	122	262	221	273	299	336
Fresh vegetables	212	118	250	225	243	272	310
Processed fruits	116	69	136	106	140	166	186
Processed vegetables	107	56	127	102	134	146	174

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Other food at home	\$1,305	\$693	\$1,551	\$1,264	\$1,569	\$1,866	\$2,066
Sugar and other sweets	129	68	154	132	146	175	210
Fats and oils	104	57	124	104	125	139	165
Miscellaneous foods	680	364	807	638	821	1,000	1,096
Nonalcoholic beverages	342	179	408	327	422	497	541
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	49	25	59	63	55	55	54
Food away from home	2,698	1,645	3,124	2,650	3,090	3,892	3,743
Alcoholic beverages	444	374	473	527	439	429	402
Housing	17,109	11,507	19,396	17,330	19,660	22,266	21,961
Shelter	10,183	7,511	11,276	10,143	11,267	13,138	12,513
Owned dwellings	6,760	3,686	8,018	6,931	7,824	10,036	9,162
Mortgage interest and charges	3,826	1,811	4,651	3,453	4,696	6,549	5,974
Property taxes	1,758	1,025	2,058	2,001	1,926	2,295	2,122
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	1,176	850	1,309	1,478	1,201	1,192	1,066
Rented dwellings	2,724	3,480	2,415	2,204	2,647	2,398	2,805
Other lodging	698	345	843	1,008	796	704	546
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,649	2,265	4,216	3,798	4,214	4,635	5,050
Natural gas	531	340	610	560	566	672	759
Electricity	1,353	832	1,566	1,393	1,582	1,733	1,896
Fuel oil and other fuels	192	131	217	260	180	181	177
Telephone services	1,127	702	1,301	1,118	1,383	1,466	1,561
Water and other public services	446	260	522	466	503	583	657
Household operations	998	511	1,197	884	1,293	1,667	1,447
Personal services	383	74	510	176	645	957	804
Other household expenses	614	437	687	707	649	710	643
Housekeeping supplies	654	347	778	691	775	910	900
Laundry and cleaning supplies	148	77	176	140	182	198	257
Other household products	350	157	428	362	411	540	530
Postage and stationery	156	114	173	189	182	172	113
Household furnishings and equipment	1,624	873	1,930	1,815	2,111	1,916	2,050
Household textiles	126	60	153	160	150	168	116
Furniture	388	210	460	399	542	468	528
Floor coverings	45	17	56	61	67	52	27
Major appliances	204	93	250	229	261	271	274
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	113	78	127	137	117	123	117
Miscellaneous household equipment	749	416	884	829	974	834	988
Apparel and services	1,801	922	2,156	1,710	2,376	2,494	2,847
Men and boys	427	199	519	389	579	608	739
Men, 16 and over	344	188	407	356	477	397	481
Boys, 2 to 15	83	10	112	33	102	211	258
Women and girls	718	384	853	718	917	913	1,121
Women, 16 and over	597	366	690	660	774	663	695
Girls, 2 to 15	121	19	163	57	144	250	426
Children under 2	93	16	124	45	184	180	219
Footwear	314	159	377	282	413	481	502
Other apparel products and services	248	164	283	275	282	311	267
Transportation	8,604	4,439	10,305	9,225	10,758	11,515	11,602
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,755	1,217	3,384	2,987	3,849	3,538	3,800
Cars and trucks, new	1,305	553	1,612	1,594	1,774	1,622	1,409
Cars and trucks, used	1,315	605	1,606	1,266	1,828	1,754	2,215
Other vehicles	134	59	165	127	247	161	175
Gasoline and motor oil	2,715	1,384	3,259	2,789	3,280	3,805	4,057

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Other vehicle expenses	\$2,621	\$1,523	\$3,067	\$2,829	\$3,062	\$3,609	\$3,151
Vehicle finance charges	312	121	390	314	404	489	492
Maintenance and repairs	731	443	848	804	817	947	907
Vehicle insurance	1,113	700	1,280	1,203	1,288	1,538	1,193
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges	465	259	549	508	553	635	558
Public transportation	513	314	595	620	568	563	594
Healthcare	2,976	1,821	3,448	3,972	2,944	3,039	3,022
Health insurance	1,653	1,070	1,892	2,204	1,615	1,700	1,527
Medical services	727	387	865	937	716	798	946
Drugs	482	296	558	689	482	412	432
Medical supplies	114	67	133	141	131	128	116
Entertainment	2,835	1,655	3,315	3,178	3,070	3,714	3,612
Fees and admissions	616	322	736	595	720	942	949
Audio and visual equipment and services	1,036	694	1,176	1,122	1,206	1,276	1,177
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment	704	426	816	893	648	881	728
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	479	213	588	568	495	615	758
Personal care products and services	616	388	708	638	733	805	777
Reading	116	88	128	144	123	115	98
Education	1,046	602	1,227	866	1,404	1,626	1,617
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	317	214	359	326	421	350	385
Miscellaneous	840	558	955	955	1,005	946	888
Cash contributions	1,737	1,314	1,909	2,079	1,873	1,603	1,821
Personal insurance and pensions	5,605	2,620	6,826	6,095	7,084	7,881	7,426
Life and other personal insurance	317	108	402	421	399	380	376
Pensions and Social Security	5,288	2,511	6,424	5,674	6,685	7,501	7,050
Sources of income and personal taxes:							
Money income before taxes	63,563	32,994	76,068	68,168	77,032	87,390	85,464
Wages and salaries	51,007	22,837	62,533	50,099	66,224	78,793	76,159
Self-employment income	3,219	1,445	3,945	3,531	3,817	4,203	5,191
Social Security, private and government retirement	6,577	6,257	6,708	11,291	4,136	1,949	1,804
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,509	1,341	1,578	2,305	1,204	1,009	482
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	225	148	257	242	336	188	283
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	371	285	406	256	449	409	850
Regular contributions for support	446	421	456	276	653	682	446
Other income	208	262	186	167	213	156	249
Personal taxes	1,789	1,205	2,028	2,413	2,414	1,890	308
Federal income taxes	1,817	1,147	2,091	2,312	2,393	2,060	911
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082)	-784	-364	-956	-774	-941	-1,144	-1,331
State and local income taxes	542	287	647	609	706	760	522
Other taxes	213	135	246	266	256	214	206

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Income after taxes	61,774	31,789	74,041	65,755	74,618	85,501	85,156
Addenda:							
Net change in total assets and liabilities	-\$4,072	\$875	-\$6,095	-\$5,139	-\$7,822	-\$4,538	-\$8,910
Net change in total assets	7,349	5,338	8,172	5,387	9,315	16,709	3,754
Net change in total liabilities	11,421	4,463	14,268	10,526	17,137	21,247	12,663
Other financial information:							
Other money receipts	519	461	543	593	703	414	307
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-2,295	-1,075	-2,794	-2,325	-2,850	-3,538	-3,249
Estimated market value of owned home	169,794	101,097	197,899	197,756	185,683	209,163	201,296
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	877	552	1,010	993	927	1,110	1,058
Gifts of goods and services	1,209	838	1,360	1,561	1,708	864	838
Food	97	54	115	146	106	75	82
Alcoholic beverages	14	10	16	19	17	11	11
Housing	229	153	260	295	351	160	139
Housekeeping supplies	31	22	35	36	43	36	22
Household textiles	13	6	16	18	28	5	26
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares	21	8	26	31	26	23	13
Major appliances	6	4	7	10	5	7	24
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	14	4	18	21	21	16	29
Miscellaneous household equipment	57	29	69	75	100	40	39
Other housing	106	87	114	136	154	55	59
Apparel and services	223	164	246	260	321	189	163
Males, 2 and over	47	34	52	58	73	32	29
Females, 2 and over	79	58	87	114	85	54	41
Children under 2	50	16	63	42	97	74	70
Other apparel products and services	47	55	44	46	67	29	23
Jewelry and watches	18	31	13	17	18	6	24
All other apparel products and services	29	24	31	29	49	22	219
Transportation	99	75	109	136	108	62	85
Healthcare	22	30	19	29	17	9	24
Entertainment	89	73	95	105	102	77	73
Toys, games, arts and crafts, and tricycles	29	17	34	35	32	37	228
Other entertainment	59	56	61	70	70	40	44
Personal care products and services	12	7	14	11	20	11	19
Reading	1	1	1	1	1	(¹)	21
Education	324	185	381	431	574	204	160
All other gifts	99	86	105	128	91	66	102

¹ Value is less than or equal to 0.5.

² Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

n.a. Not applicable.