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Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	61,271	26,852	29,480	5,154	14,983	9,342	4,939	6,810	52,766
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes .....	\$84,785	\$75,876	\$92,616	\$81,821	\$94,302	\$95,867	\$86,478	\$35,845	\$40,880
Income after taxes .....	81,782	72,316	89,803	80,113	91,218	92,878	85,375	35,993	39,530
Age of reference person .....	49.7	57.7	42.6	32.6	40.4	51.6	48.6	38.0	50.5
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons .....	3.2	2.0	4.0	3.5	4.1	3.9	4.9	2.9	1.7
Children under 18 .....	.9	n.a.	1.5	1.5	2.1	.6	1.4	1.7	.2
Persons 65 and older .....	.4	.7	.1	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	.2	.5	( <sup>1</sup> )	.3
Earners .....	1.6	1.2	1.9	1.6	1.7	2.4	2.2	1.0	.9
Vehicles .....	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.5	3.1	2.7	1.2	1.3
Percent distribution:									
Sex of reference person:									
Male .....	53	56	52	50	51	54	45	16	44
Female .....	47	44	48	50	49	46	55	84	56
Housing tenure:									
Homeowner .....	82	87	79	67	77	89	77	37	51
With mortgage .....	56	46	65	59	67	63	57	29	26
Without mortgage .....	27	41	15	8	10	26	20	8	25
Renter .....	18	13	21	33	23	11	23	63	49
Race of reference person:									
Black or African-American .....	8	6	8	6	7	12	10	31	15
White, Asian, and all other races .....	92	94	92	94	93	88	90	69	85
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:									
Hispanic or Latino .....	13	6	16	18	16	16	28	19	10
Not Hispanic or Latino .....	87	94	84	82	84	84	72	81	90
Education of reference person:									
Elementary (1-8) .....	4	4	4	3	4	6	9	4	5
High school (9-12) .....	32	33	30	24	28	35	43	38	36
College .....	63	63	66	73	68	59	47	57	58
Never attended and other .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	1	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
At least one vehicle owned or leased .....	96	96	96	95	97	97	95	81	80
Average annual expenditures .....	\$63,104	\$56,777	\$68,481	\$62,138	\$70,329	\$69,089	\$65,654	\$36,763	\$34,450
Food .....	8,264	6,906	9,369	7,813	9,827	9,525	9,182	5,348	4,352
Food at home .....	4,827	3,975	5,451	4,833	5,606	5,567	5,868	3,480	2,568
Cereals and bakery products .....	657	508	770	622	826	765	811	485	338
Cereals and cereal products .....	223	168	263	247	265	268	289	183	114
Bakery products .....	435	340	508	375	561	497	521	302	224
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1,069	887	1,167	930	1,198	1,262	1,522	837	583
Beef .....	291	246	317	237	316	370	387	237	151
Pork .....	210	174	229	161	242	248	306	169	121
Other meats .....	148	125	166	139	178	163	165	115	74
Poultry .....	194	149	225	201	228	235	265	171	106
Fish and seafood .....	171	147	171	136	174	187	330	107	97
Eggs .....	54	46	59	56	59	59	69	39	33
Dairy products .....	530	427	615	599	637	587	588	350	273
Fresh milk and cream .....	183	136	220	232	226	201	222	135	101
Other dairy products .....	347	291	396	367	412	387	366	214	171
Fruits and vegetables .....	853	748	921	859	951	908	1,040	542	448
Fresh fruits .....	293	258	318	298	331	305	336	175	143
Fresh vegetables .....	274	252	280	270	287	272	371	147	144
Processed fruits .....	147	121	170	156	174	173	150	121	85
Processed vegetables .....	139	117	154	135	158	157	183	98	77

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Other food at home .....	\$1,718	\$1,404	\$1,977	\$1,824	\$1,993	\$2,045	\$1,908	\$1,266	\$926
Sugar and other sweets .....	186	155	216	177	215	241	186	124	91
Fats and oils .....	134	123	141	133	141	148	153	87	68
Miscellaneous foods .....	908	704	1,076	1,048	1,099	1,053	1,027	708	497
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	421	349	476	416	468	530	487	324	243
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	69	74	67	50	70	73	55	22	28
Food away from home .....	3,436	2,930	3,917	2,980	4,221	3,958	3,314	1,868	1,785
Alcoholic beverages .....	511	582	470	507	485	422	345	177	382
Housing .....	20,654	18,140	22,858	24,503	23,906	20,258	21,203	14,836	12,810
Shelter .....	11,960	10,414	13,412	14,005	14,410	11,485	11,706	8,610	8,074
Owned dwellings .....	9,049	7,835	10,226	10,279	10,796	9,284	8,626	3,711	3,997
Mortgage interest and charges .....	5,133	3,706	6,376	7,193	6,856	5,157	5,473	2,378	1,963
Property taxes .....	2,477	2,327	2,666	2,217	2,759	2,766	2,158	982	1,145
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses .....	1,440	1,802	1,184	868	1,182	1,361	995	351	889
Rented dwellings .....	1,936	1,413	2,308	3,273	2,602	1,305	2,563	4,626	3,705
Other lodging .....	975	1,166	878	454	1,012	896	517	272	372
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	4,403	3,937	4,708	3,853	4,731	5,144	5,115	3,438	2,791
Natural gas .....	588	528	636	583	603	719	627	381	375
Electricity .....	1,653	1,487	1,747	1,390	1,794	1,870	1,987	1,409	1,052
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	189	216	169	108	176	193	156	57	97
Telephone services .....	1,379	1,174	1,527	1,260	1,511	1,701	1,603	1,190	907
Water and other public services .....	595	532	628	513	647	661	741	402	360
Household operations .....	1,336	873	1,784	3,537	1,716	928	1,176	1,215	608
Personal services .....	556	55	1,019	2,939	890	166	518	758	149
Other household expenses .....	780	818	766	598	826	762	658	456	460
Housekeeping supplies .....	886	916	851	796	867	858	943	583	410
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	202	181	213	204	226	196	251	173	101
Other household products .....	492	520	458	445	459	465	555	300	217
Postage and stationery .....	192	214	180	147	183	197	137	111	92
Household furnishings and equipment .....	2,069	2,001	2,101	2,312	2,182	1,842	2,263	991	926
Household textiles .....	175	177	164	228	158	134	245	109	68
Furniture .....	467	440	480	739	477	343	542	268	209
Floor coverings .....	45	52	38	47	42	26	46	8	17
Major appliances .....	268	272	254	233	252	268	335	127	116
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	126	119	126	107	114	158	163	68	60
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	989	941	1,040	958	1,141	914	932	411	456
Apparel and services .....	2,170	1,630	2,600	2,281	2,844	2,387	2,597	1,708	1,220
Men and boys .....	487	368	589	466	613	629	530	342	269
Men, 16 and over .....	377	339	408	331	359	544	403	174	239
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	110	29	181	135	254	86	127	168	31
Women and girls .....	847	638	1,011	700	1,162	943	1,030	713	482
Women, 16 and over .....	681	596	732	532	750	827	853	460	438
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	167	42	278	168	412	115	177	253	44
Children under 2 .....	126	56	182	592	106	59	176	115	48
Footwear .....	396	299	454	279	493	493	606	366	235
Other apparel products and services .....	314	269	365	243	469	262	256	172	185
Transportation .....	10,021	9,202	10,487	9,889	9,988	11,673	11,750	5,337	5,224
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	3,504	3,460	3,406	3,650	3,190	3,618	4,323	1,679	1,800
Cars and trucks, new .....	1,719	1,985	1,396	1,168	1,273	1,720	2,207	693	885
Cars and trucks, used .....	1,720	1,418	1,963	2,459	1,880	1,823	1,910	986	862
Other vehicles .....	64	57	46	<sup>4</sup> 23	<sup>4</sup> 37	<sup>4</sup> 75	<sup>4</sup> 206	<sup>(3)</sup>	53
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2,572	2,139	2,868	2,417	2,838	3,166	3,159	1,573	1,360

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Other vehicle expenses .....	\$3,315	\$2,962	\$3,557	\$3,191	\$3,293	\$4,241	\$3,838	\$1,801	\$1,736
Vehicle finance charges .....	387	323	432	385	419	479	465	225	165
Maintenance and repairs .....	915	882	932	812	907	1,040	990	587	540
Vehicle insurance .....	1,415	1,199	1,546	1,313	1,318	2,096	1,864	687	741
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges .....	598	558	647	682	648	626	519	303	290
Public transportation .....	631	641	656	631	668	649	430	283	328
Healthcare .....	4,182	4,852	3,556	2,884	3,460	4,082	4,282	1,381	2,127
Health insurance .....	2,365	2,802	1,975	1,669	1,941	2,200	2,315	743	1,246
Medical services .....	1,011	1,034	984	819	981	1,080	1,054	382	463
Drugs .....	642	820	465	302	408	647	746	194	344
Medical supplies .....	163	196	132	94	131	155	166	62	75
Entertainment .....	3,606	3,259	4,030	2,894	4,532	3,852	2,935	1,907	1,743
Fees and admissions .....	900	733	1,096	658	1,406	835	638	409	342
Audio and visual equipment and services .....	1,178	1,109	1,229	1,045	1,280	1,247	1,261	891	750
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment .....	911	872	976	670	976	1,163	711	420	473
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	617	546	728	521	870	606	325	188	177
Personal care products and services .....	758	708	798	779	800	802	799	552	415
Reading .....	135	160	118	78	122	133	106	62	86
Education .....	1,478	840	2,105	378	2,096	3,071	1,207	874	617
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	375	335	357	258	326	461	706	345	389
Miscellaneous .....	1,016	923	1,014	860	1,091	971	1,540	613	611
Cash contributions .....	2,245	2,456	2,130	1,435	1,979	2,756	1,781	792	1,237
Personal insurance and pensions .....	7,689	6,785	8,590	7,580	8,873	8,695	7,220	2,830	3,237
Life and other personal insurance .....	481	512	464	292	488	521	410	123	134
Pensions and Social Security .....	7,208	6,273	8,126	7,288	8,384	8,174	6,810	2,707	3,103
Sources of income and personal taxes:									
Money income before taxes .....	84,785	75,876	92,616	81,821	94,302	95,867	86,478	35,845	40,880
Wages and salaries .....	70,155	55,220	83,572	77,516	84,925	84,743	71,271	27,508	30,276
Self-employment income .....	3,599	2,972	4,253	2,518	4,900	4,173	3,106	2,218	1,657
Social Security, private and government retirement .....	7,941	14,136	2,034	4,262	829	4,944	9,512	1,011	6,306
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income .....	1,914	2,591	1,538	515	2,323	842	481	544	1,050
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	476	389	541	470	555	558	559	365	389
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	255	181	240	194	244	257	750	1,378	521
Regular contributions for support .....	187	120	201	4,176	249	138	473	2,469	416
Other income .....	257	267	237	171	275	212	327	352	264
Personal taxes .....	3,002	3,560	2,813	1,708	3,084	2,988	1,103	-148	1,351
Federal income taxes .....	2,035	2,558	1,799	951	1,952	2,023	598	-467	914
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082) (thru Q20091) .....	4.1	4.1	4.1	( <sup>3</sup> )	4.2	( <sup>3</sup> )	4.6	4.2	4.1
State and local income taxes .....	731	740	784	620	883	716	366	196	326
Other taxes .....	238	263	231	138	251	249	146	125	112

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Income after taxes .....	81,782	72,316	89,803	80,113	91,218	92,878	85,375	35,993	39,530
Addenda:									
Net change in total assets and liabilities .....	-\$7,577	-\$6,883	-\$9,083	-\$24,083	-\$12,368	\$4,461	-\$2,364	-\$2,628	-\$3,265
Net change in total assets .....	8,724	7,253	10,245	16,581	6,646	12,521	7,643	9,058	3,469
Net change in total liabilities .....	16,301	14,136	19,328	40,665	19,014	8,060	10,007	11,686	6,734
Other financial information:									
Other money receipts .....	494	685	322	242	304	394	477	588	528
Mortgage principal paid on owned property .....	-3,231	-2,641	-3,798	-3,373	-3,943	-3,799	-3,058	-1,110	-1,169
Estimated market value of owned home .....	218,519	219,073	222,506	184,600	225,577	238,494	191,705	68,913	98,376
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home .....	1,151	1,144	1,166	1,015	1,184	1,222	1,095	439	568
Gifts of goods and services .....	1,424	1,666	1,232	709	1,207	1,569	1,251	517	727
Food .....	133	164	114	56	108	157	71	31	62
Alcoholic beverages .....	11	14	10	10	10	10	41	43	7
Housing .....	250	301	214	102	192	313	187	139	156
Housekeeping supplies .....	44	62	29	32	29	28	29	10	19
Household textiles .....	13	14	12	<sup>4</sup> 10	10	17	<sup>4</sup> 18	<sup>4</sup> 10	4
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	21	26	18	47	16	29	<sup>4</sup> 16	48	10
Major appliances .....	6	7	4	41	4	6	<sup>4</sup> 10	41	3
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	16	19	14	46	12	23	46	47	6
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	52	67	40	27	36	56	<sup>4</sup> 40	16	33
Other housing .....	120	133	114	26	102	183	84	95	91
Apparel and services .....	290	307	285	217	274	346	223	162	186
Males, 2 and over .....	68	78	65	48	35	130	32	68	34
Females, 2 and over .....	103	105	108	32	138	103	55	25	76
Children under 2 .....	66	56	72	125	63	54	83	36	30
Other apparel products and services .....	53	69	40	<sup>4</sup> 12	39	59	<sup>4</sup> 54	32	47
Jewelry and watches .....	9	15	5	<sup>4</sup> 5	4	6	<sup>4</sup> 6	<sup>4</sup> 10	21
All other apparel products and services .....	44	54	35	47	35	53	<sup>4</sup> 48	<sup>4</sup> 23	26
Transportation .....	101	89	105	213	55	127	141	17	78
Healthcare .....	21	29	13	<sup>4</sup> 6	<sup>4</sup> 7	26	<sup>4</sup> 21	44	40
Entertainment .....	129	175	82	50	78	105	163	13	59
Toys, games, arts and crafts, and tricycles .....	47	58	38	<sup>4</sup> 32	41	37	<sup>4</sup> 44	<sup>4</sup> 5	23
Other entertainment .....	81	117	44	18	38	68	119	8	36
Personal care products and services .....	16	20	12	17	11	10	18	18	7
Reading .....	1	2	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	1
Education .....	387	476	344	49	438	378	162	<sup>4</sup> 103	61
All other gifts .....	86	90	53	28	33	97	264	27	71

1 Value is less than or equal to 0.05.  
2 Value is less than or equal to 0.5.  
3 No data reported.  
4 Data are likely to have large sampling errors.  
n.a. Not applicable.

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