

Table 22. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2010-2011

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Cleveland
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	27,052	3,489	2,079	1,532	1,146
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes	\$59,659	\$76,917	\$65,060	\$66,789	\$58,358
Age of reference person	49.1	49.6	50.1	46.7	54.8
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3
Children under 186	.7	.6	.6	.5
Persons 65 and older3	.3	.3	.2	.4
Earners	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.2
Vehicles	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.4	1.9
Percent homeowner	68	69	70	72	70
Average annual expenditures					
Food	\$46,247	\$57,579	\$50,467	\$54,457	\$45,768
Food at home	5,987	7,158	6,329	6,767	5,665
Food away from home	3,709	4,276	4,034	4,332	3,253
Cereals and bakery products	523	602	573	632	466
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	754	904	837	818	600
Dairy products	398	404	406	553	331
Fruits and vegetables	682	903	782	799	578
Other food at home	1,352	1,465	1,436	1,529	1,278
Food away from home	2,278	2,882	2,295	2,436	2,412
Alcoholic beverages	383	439	445	723	397
Housing	14,847	20,520	16,267	17,586	14,653
Shelter	8,461	13,063	9,341	10,252	8,554
Owned dwellings	5,797	8,770	6,455	7,407	5,569
Rented dwellings	2,050	3,156	2,240	2,174	2,315
Other lodging	614	1,137	646	671	670
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,451	3,981	4,036	3,315	3,434
Household operations	904	1,332	891	1,260	577
Housekeeping supplies	639	666	631	883	728
Household furnishings and equipment	1,392	1,478	1,368	1,877	1,360
Apparel and services	1,549	2,056	1,448	1,665	1,657
Transportation	7,669	8,342	8,790	8,808	7,815
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,605	2,624	2,705	2,908	2,598
Gasoline and motor oil	2,371	2,445	2,606	2,538	2,086
Other vehicle expenses	2,254	2,412	2,956	2,818	2,572
Public and other transportation	440	861	523	545	559
Health care	3,443	4,085	3,178	4,008	2,849
Entertainment	2,534	3,100	2,673	3,158	2,671
Personal care products and services	550	726	580	676	626
Reading	112	123	121	141	103
Education	1,124	1,776	1,474	1,578	1,227
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	373	263	410	288	334
Miscellaneous	769	794	1,359	727	692
Cash contributions	1,632	1,595	1,646	1,738	1,769
Personal insurance and pensions	5,275	6,602	5,747	6,592	5,309
Life and other personal insurance	340	402	334	348	279
Pensions and Social Security	4,934	6,201	5,413	6,244	5,030

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