

**Table 3015. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2017-2018**

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul	St. Louis
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	28,177	3,477	1,957	1,657	1,150
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes .....	\$71,617	\$82,422	\$80,089	\$93,986	\$88,338
Age of reference person .....	51.2	50.1	52.5	47.5	50.2
Average number in consumer unit:					
People.....	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4
Children under 18 .....	.6	.6	.6	.5	.6
Adults 65 and older.....	.4	.3	.4	.3	.4
Earners .....	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.4
Vehicles .....	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.3	2.1
Percent homeowner.....	67	63	70	61	72
Average annual expenditures .....	\$57,714	\$63,726	\$64,998	\$72,382	\$64,318
Food .....					
Food at home.....	4,177	4,761	4,429	4,809	4,243
Cereals and bakery products .....	532	575	585	588	497
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	865	1,070	934	990	964
Dairy products .....	450	467	407	479	393
Fruits and vegetables .....	757	983	876	921	710
Other food at home .....	1,573	1,666	1,626	1,833	1,681
Food away from home.....	3,202	3,720	3,569	3,594	3,268
Alcoholic beverages.....	575	657	735	809	709
Housing.....					
Shelter.....	9,892	14,426	10,670	14,685	11,285
Owned dwellings .....	6,288	8,920	6,881	9,118	7,378
Rented dwellings .....	2,858	4,608	2,960	4,334	2,856
Other lodging .....	746	898	829	1,233	1,051
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	3,825	3,892	4,052	3,559	4,477
Household operations.....	1,326	1,405	1,636	1,936	1,901
Housekeeping supplies .....	708	714	810	703	715
Household furnishings and equipment.....	2,063	2,063	2,419	3,451	2,803
Apparel and services .....	1,793	2,017	2,370	2,607	1,659
Transportation.....					
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	3,758	3,438	4,432	3,132	4,146
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil.....	1,986	1,819	2,039	2,104	2,107
Other vehicle expenses .....	2,997	2,232	5,219	2,891	2,644
Public and other transportation .....	675	954	850	1,190	791
Healthcare.....	5,204	5,476	4,930	5,517	4,846
Entertainment.....	3,487	2,863	4,228	4,347	3,062
Personal care products and services .....	764	1,056	752	895	811
Reading.....	118	156	86	239	154
Education .....	1,238	1,968	1,171	1,864	1,130
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	400	186	513	449	423
Miscellaneous .....	893	1,003	1,333	980	1,953
Cash contributions .....	1,843	1,597	1,565	4,263	3,897
Personal insurance and pensions .....					
Life and other personal insurance .....	468	409	439	513	608
Pensions and Social Security .....	6,323	6,913	6,751	7,843	6,685

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2019