

Table 3004. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2017-2018

| Item | All consumer units in the Northeast | New York | Philadelphia | Boston |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| Number of consumer units (in thousands)..... | 23,336 | 7,329 | 2,185 | 1,961 |
| Consumer unit characteristics: | | | | |
| Income before taxes | \$87,793 | \$100,911 | \$93,210 | \$99,908 |
| Age of reference person | 52.6 | 51.7 | 54.1 | 51.2 |
| Average number in consumer unit: | | | | |
| People..... | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| Children under 18..... | .5 | .5 | .5 | .5 |
| Adults 65 and older..... | .4 | .4 | .5 | .4 |
| Earners | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Vehicles | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Percent homeowner..... | 61 | 49 | 69 | 57 |
| Average annual expenditures | \$64,955 | \$70,875 | \$70,813 | \$79,747 |
| Food..... | 8,230 | 8,706 | 8,919 | 9,667 |
| Food at home | 4,775 | 4,821 | 5,085 | 5,870 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 646 | 638 | 708 | 827 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 1,045 | 1,166 | 1,055 | 1,110 |
| Dairy products | 502 | 492 | 512 | 571 |
| Fruits and vegetables..... | 969 | 1,025 | 1,070 | 1,268 |
| Other food at home | 1,613 | 1,500 | 1,740 | 2,094 |
| Food away from home..... | 3,454 | 3,885 | 3,835 | 3,797 |
| Alcoholic beverages..... | 600 | 603 | 598 | 913 |
| Housing | 23,122 | 27,626 | 23,225 | 29,871 |
| Shelter | 14,486 | 19,298 | 13,592 | 18,805 |
| Owned dwellings | 8,470 | 10,083 | 8,550 | 10,644 |
| Rented dwellings | 4,968 | 8,121 | 3,663 | 7,007 |
| Other lodging..... | 1,048 | 1,094 | 1,379 | 1,154 |
| Utilities, fuels, and public services | 4,128 | 4,109 | 4,403 | 4,354 |
| Household operations | 1,591 | 1,798 | 1,987 | 2,006 |
| Housekeeping supplies | 748 | 680 | 965 | 987 |
| Household furnishings and equipment..... | 2,168 | 1,742 | 2,278 | 3,719 |
| Apparel and services | 2,044 | 2,574 | 2,435 | 2,629 |
| Transportation..... | 9,095 | 8,494 | 11,065 | 9,571 |
| Vehicle purchases (net outlay) | 3,204 | 2,015 | 4,034 | 3,538 |
| Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil | 1,797 | 1,514 | 1,972 | 1,820 |
| Other vehicle expenses..... | 3,011 | 3,149 | 3,939 | 2,886 |
| Public and other transportation | 1,083 | 1,815 | 1,120 | 1,327 |
| Healthcare..... | 5,004 | 4,787 | 5,669 | 5,703 |
| Entertainment | 3,125 | 3,154 | 3,221 | 3,942 |
| Personal care products and services | 759 | 858 | 838 | 817 |
| Reading..... | 131 | 110 | 173 | 189 |
| Education | 2,222 | 3,007 | 2,649 | 4,144 |
| Tobacco products and smoking supplies | 351 | 257 | 349 | 285 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,131 | 1,112 | 1,675 | 1,228 |
| Cash contributions | 1,555 | 1,508 | 2,013 | 1,848 |
| Personal insurance and pensions | 7,586 | 8,079 | 7,984 | 8,940 |
| Life and other personal insurance..... | 507 | 577 | 627 | 363 |
| Pensions and Social Security..... | 7,079 | 7,502 | 7,357 | 8,578 |

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