

Table 3004. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Surveys, 2019-2020

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands) ¹	23,104	7,649	1,847	1,870
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes	\$91,887	\$100,425	\$106,767	\$113,592
Age of reference person	53.3	52.2	53.3	52.7
Average number in consumer unit:				
People.....	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.3
Children under 18.....	.5	.5	.6	.5
Adults 65 and older.....	.4	.4	.4	.4
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3
Vehicles	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.6
Percent homeowner.....	62	49	69	59
Average annual expenditures	\$68,696	\$75,275	\$72,726	\$91,578
Food.....	8,632	9,693	8,489	10,860
Food at home	5,497	5,987	5,191	6,938
Cereals and bakery products	747	774	722	1,031
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1,219	1,452	1,030	1,416
Dairy products	554	596	554	615
Fruits and vegetables.....	1,115	1,357	917	1,429
Other food at home	1,861	1,807	1,968	2,447
Food away from home.....	3,135	3,706	3,297	3,923
Alcoholic beverages.....	624	639	815	822
Housing	24,356	29,425	25,884	30,997
Shelter	14,990	19,342	15,680	20,368
Owned dwellings	8,437	9,654	9,451	11,237
Rented dwellings	5,496	8,691	4,621	7,622
Other lodging.....	1,057	996	1,609	1,510
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,301	4,144	4,505	4,652
Household operations	1,568	1,626	1,981	2,482
Housekeeping supplies	841	972	1,074	781
Household furnishings and equipment.....	2,656	3,342	2,643	2,714
Apparel and services	2,041	2,526	2,424	2,197
Transportation.....	9,769	9,350	9,823	11,176
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,883	3,081	² 3,776	5,215
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil	1,560	1,322	1,542	1,609
Other vehicle expenses.....	3,628	3,715	3,789	3,437
Public and other transportation	699	1,232	716	914
Healthcare.....	5,108	4,683	5,618	6,962
Entertainment	3,144	3,176	3,078	3,997
Personal care products and services	766	808	985	861
Reading.....	109	100	162	198
Education	2,504	2,872	2,375	4,824
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	311	160	301	221
Miscellaneous	1,113	1,022	1,387	1,264
Cash contributions	2,132	1,961	1,907	7,093
Personal insurance and pensions	8,086	8,858	9,477	10,106
Life and other personal insurance.....	589	628	715	653
Pensions and Social Security.....	7,497	8,230	8,762	9,452

¹ Data are rounded to the nearest thousands.

² Data are likely to have large sampling errors.