

Table 24. Selected western metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2008-2009

Item	All consumer units in the West	Los Angeles	San Francisco	San Diego	Seattle	Phoenix
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	27,011	5,117	2,909	1,086	1,910	1,633
Consumer unit characteristics:						
Income before taxes	\$66,678	\$68,749	\$91,330	\$67,554	\$79,874	\$65,128
Age of reference person	47.9	48.9	46.9	47.0	47.5	46.1
Average number in consumer unit:						
Persons	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.7
Children under 187	.7	.6	.5	.5	.8
Persons 65 and older3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2
Earners	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.4
Vehicles	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.5	2.6	1.9
Percent homeowner	63	53	55	53	63	70
Average annual expenditures	\$54,226	\$56,529	\$67,730	\$53,820	\$66,015	\$53,618
Food	6,970	7,531	7,952	6,541	8,082	6,402
Food at home	4,081	4,260	4,280	3,644	4,596	3,596
Cereals and bakery products	522	511	565	453	614	464
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	882	996	891	726	865	800
Dairy products	452	438	476	397	539	362
Fruits and vegetables	766	864	920	785	842	608
Other food at home	1,460	1,451	1,427	1,283	1,736	1,363
Food away from home	2,889	3,271	3,672	2,897	3,486	2,806
Alcoholic beverages	524	504	714	647	839	503
Housing	19,404	21,811	26,064	22,207	22,029	18,698
Shelter	12,549	14,938	19,096	15,146	13,829	11,185
Owned dwellings	7,898	8,271	11,227	7,741	8,727	7,695
Rented dwellings	3,951	6,086	6,508	6,973	4,069	2,918
Other lodging	700	580	1,361	432	1,033	573
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,356	3,257	3,139	2,989	3,554	3,892
Household operations	1,146	1,370	1,344	1,571	1,592	1,174
Housekeeping supplies	637	643	585	678	741	633
Household furnishings and equipment	1,717	1,603	1,899	1,823	2,312	1,813
Apparel and services	1,866	2,140	2,413	2,407	2,464	1,793
Transportation	8,227	8,784	9,535	7,171	9,380	9,330
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,558	2,513	2,748	1,941	3,395	2,887
Gasoline and motor oil	2,347	2,667	2,235	2,412	2,454	2,658
Other vehicle expenses	2,649	2,989	3,252	2,373	2,589	3,275
Public transportation	673	615	1,300	445	943	509
Healthcare	3,093	2,620	3,319	2,249	3,684	3,326
Entertainment	3,197	2,599	3,247	2,459	4,463	3,814
Personal care products and services	687	710	909	685	833	868
Reading	131	108	150	83	218	98
Education	960	895	1,555	720	1,070	473
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	268	202	188	101	342	340
Miscellaneous	965	909	958	666	1,490	884
Cash contributions	1,954	1,659	2,029	1,484	2,918	1,814
Personal insurance and pensions	5,981	6,058	8,697	6,399	8,202	5,274
Life and other personal insurance	263	259	255	224	408	179
Pensions and Social Security	5,717	5,799	8,443	6,175	7,794	5,095

¹ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, October, 2010