

Table 37. Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units classified by quintiles of income before taxes, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1989 and 1999

Item	All consumer units	Complete reporting of income						Incomplete reporting of income
		Total complete reporting	Lowest 20 percent	Second 20 percent	Third 20 percent	Fourth 20 percent	Highest 20 percent	
<b>1989</b>								
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	95,818	82,960	16,558	16,584	16,592	16,607	16,620	12,857
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	\$31,308	\$31,308	\$5,720	\$13,894	\$23,856	\$37,524	\$75,406	(1)
Age of reference person .....	47.2	47.1	51.1	50.5	45.5	43.0	45.4	47.7
Average number in consumer unit:								
Persons .....	2.6	2.5	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.9	3.1	2.7
Children under 18 .....	.7	.7	.5	.5	.7	.9	.8	.7
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.3	.5	.5	.3	.2	.1	.3
Earners .....	1.4	1.4	.7	1.0	1.4	1.8	2.1	1.4
Vehicles .....	2.0	2.0	.9	1.5	2.0	2.6	3.1	2.0
Percent homeowner .....	63	62	41	50	60	71	88	66
Average annual expenditures .....	\$27,810	\$28,323	\$12,119	\$17,616	\$24,476	\$34,231	\$53,093	\$24,862
Percent distribution: .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Food .....	14.9	14.8	18.2	17.6	15.9	14.5	12.8	16.1
Food at home .....	8.6	8.5	12.5	11.5	9.6	8.1	6.3	9.4
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.3	1.3	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.2	.9	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.2	2.2	3.2	3.1	2.5	2.0	1.6	2.4
Dairy products .....	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.0	.8	1.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.5	1.4	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.0	1.7
Other food at home .....	2.5	2.5	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.0	2.7
Food away from home .....	6.3	6.3	5.7	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.7
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.1	.9	.9
Housing .....	31.0	30.4	35.2	32.7	30.3	28.7	29.6	35.1
Shelter .....	17.4	17.0	19.6	17.5	16.5	16.0	17.2	19.7
Owned dwellings .....	10.2	10.0	6.7	6.1	7.9	9.7	13.3	11.8
Rented dwellings .....	5.4	5.4	11.8	10.4	7.4	4.8	1.7	5.4
Other lodging .....	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	2.2	2.4
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	6.6	6.4	9.7	8.5	7.2	5.9	4.9	8.0
Household operations .....	1.7	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.9	2.0
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.4	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3
Household furnishings and equipment .....	3.9	3.9	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.3	4.2
Apparel and services .....	5.7	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.7	5.9	5.8	6.0
Transportation .....	18.7	18.6	16.4	18.2	18.6	21.1	17.7	18.7
Vehicle purchases .....	8.2	8.3	6.9	7.8	7.7	10.2	7.8	7.7
Gasoline and motor oil .....	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.1	3.6	2.9	3.9
Other vehicle expenses .....	5.9	5.9	4.6	5.6	6.1	6.4	5.8	5.7
Public transportation .....	1.0	1.0	1.1	.8	.8	.9	1.2	1.3
Health care .....	5.1	5.0	7.1	7.6	5.6	4.2	3.8	5.6
Entertainment .....	5.1	5.1	4.2	3.7	4.6	5.1	5.9	5.6
Personal care products and services .....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.3
Reading .....	.6	.6	.5	.6	.6	.5	.6	.6
Education .....	1.3	1.2	2.2	.8	.8	.9	1.5	2.1
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.9	.9	1.5	1.3	1.3	.9	.5	.9
Miscellaneous .....	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.4	1.8
Cash contributions .....	3.2	3.3	1.9	2.4	3.0	3.0	4.2	2.8
Personal insurance and pensions								
Life and other personal insurance .....	1.2	1.2	.9	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.3
Pensions and Social Security ..	7.6	8.5	1.7	3.9	7.0	9.2	11.8	1.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 37. Shares of average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units classified by quintiles of income before taxes, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1989 and 1999—Continued**

Item	All consumer units	Complete reporting of income						Incomplete reporting of income
		Total complete reporting	Lowest 20 percent	Second 20 percent	Third 20 percent	Fourth 20 percent	Highest 20 percent	
<b>1999</b>								
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	108,465	81,692	16,307	16,351	16,332	16,341	16,361	26,773
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	\$43,951	\$43,951	\$7,264	\$18,033	\$31,876	\$52,331	\$110,105	(1)
Age of reference person .....	47.9	47.9	51.6	51.6	46.5	44.1	45.9	47.8
Average number in consumer unit:								
Persons .....	2.5	2.5	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.6
Children under 18 .....	.7	.7	.4	.6	.7	.8	.8	.7
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.3	.4	.5	.3	.2	.1	.3
Earners .....	1.3	1.4	.7	.9	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.3
Vehicles .....	1.9	2.0	1.0	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.8	1.8
Percent homeowner .....	65	64	43	55	63	73	88	67
Average annual expenditures .....	\$36,995	\$39,143	\$16,750	\$24,840	\$33,029	\$45,998	\$75,015	\$30,787
Percent distribution: .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Food .....	13.6	13.3	16.2	15.2	14.5	13.5	11.4	14.9
Food at home .....	7.9	7.7	10.9	10.0	8.6	7.9	5.7	8.7
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	.9	1.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	2.0	1.9	3.0	2.6	2.2	2.0	1.3	2.4
Dairy products .....	.9	.9	1.2	1.1	1.0	.9	.7	.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.4	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.5
Other food at home .....	2.4	2.4	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.5	1.8	2.6
Food away from home .....	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.2	6.0	5.6	5.7	6.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	.9	.9	1.0	.9	.8	.8	.9	.8
Housing .....	32.6	31.5	37.0	34.0	31.6	30.2	30.1	36.8
Shelter .....	19.0	18.0	21.4	19.0	18.1	17.2	17.5	22.3
Owned dwellings .....	12.2	11.5	8.1	8.3	10.1	11.5	14.0	14.9
Rented dwellings .....	5.5	5.3	12.4	9.7	7.2	4.8	1.8	6.0
Other lodging .....	1.3	1.2	.9	.9	.8	.9	1.7	1.4
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	6.4	6.1	9.2	7.9	6.9	5.8	4.5	7.8
Household operations .....	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.6	2.4	1.7
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.2
Household furnishings and equipment .....	4.1	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.5	3.8
Apparel and services .....	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.4	5.3	4.3	4.6	4.6
Transportation .....	19.0	18.4	16.7	19.1	19.3	19.6	17.6	20.7
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	8.9	8.7	7.3	9.2	8.8	9.4	8.4	9.7
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2.9	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.3	2.9	2.2	3.3
Other vehicle expenses .....	6.1	6.0	5.4	5.9	6.4	6.3	5.7	6.5
Public transportation .....	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	.9	1.2	1.2
Health care .....	5.3	5.2	7.5	7.7	5.9	4.8	3.8	5.6
Entertainment .....	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.3
Personal care products and services .....	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0
Reading .....	.4	.4	.5	.5	.4	.4	.4	.4
Education .....	1.7	1.5	2.7	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.8	2.5
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.8	.8	1.4	1.2	1.0	.8	.4	.8
Miscellaneous .....	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.2
Cash contributions .....	3.2	3.4	1.8	2.6	3.2	3.4	4.2	2.2
Personal insurance and pensions .....	9.3	11.1	2.4	4.5	8.4	12.3	15.7	2.1
Life and other personal insurance .....	1.1	1.0	.8	.8	.9	1.0	1.2	1.1
Pensions and Social Security ..	8.2	10.1	1.6	3.7	7.5	11.3	14.5	.9

<sup>1</sup> Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary.  
n.a. Not applicable.