

Table 3024. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Surveys, 2021-2022

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston	Tampa
Number of consumer units (in thousands) ¹	51,921	2,856	877	2,294	2,481	2,808	2,454	1,081
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes	\$81,251	\$131,821	\$111,644	\$106,699	\$83,756	\$99,233	\$82,382	\$83,010
Age of reference person	51.8	48.9	52.2	48.7	52.7	49.2	49.2	52.8
Average number in consumer unit:								
People	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.2
Children under 186	.7	.6	.7	.4	.7	.8	.4
Adults 65 and older4	.3	.4	.3	.4	.3	.4	.5
Earners	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2
Vehicles	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Percent homeowner	67	64	66	67	53	56	65	66
Average annual expenditures	\$63,610	\$94,171	\$82,095	\$72,537	\$64,943	\$71,932	\$73,772	\$67,636
Food	8,045	11,326	10,661	9,075	7,992	8,755	6,849	8,022
Food at home	4,968	6,558	6,174	5,753	5,699	4,787	3,680	4,865
Cereals and bakery products	612	805	790	714	682	548	441	650
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1,106	1,391	1,398	1,260	1,501	1,158	875	1,019
Dairy products	447	613	554	477	544	431	314	522
Fruits and vegetables	913	1,261	1,329	1,204	1,162	791	776	906
Other food at home	1,890	2,488	2,102	2,096	1,810	1,859	1,273	1,768
Food away from home	3,076	4,768	4,488	3,322	2,293	3,968	3,169	3,156
Alcoholic beverages	546	929	692	600	799	663	585	799
Housing	20,871	33,285	26,047	24,914	24,248	25,975	24,773	23,686
Shelter	11,836	22,102	15,839	15,220	16,218	16,149	14,874	13,949
Owned dwellings	6,870	13,155	9,323	9,097	6,816	8,659	8,799	7,625
Rented dwellings	4,055	6,929	5,496	4,911	8,499	6,682	4,799	5,648
Other lodging	912	2,017	1,019	1,211	903	808	1,275	677
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,308	4,778	4,341	4,669	3,656	4,713	4,601	4,188
Household operations	1,606	2,491	1,989	1,994	1,603	1,674	2,165	1,817
Housekeeping supplies	753	983	918	812	758	731	593	588
Household furnishings and equipment	2,367	2,929	2,960	2,219	2,013	2,708	2,539	3,144
Apparel and services	1,637	1,965	2,296	2,442	1,643	1,989	1,397	1,516
Transportation	11,581	12,162	14,457	12,354	11,970	12,568	13,658	11,940
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	5,015	4,521	7,297	4,682	4,822	5,593	5,631	5,152
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil	2,667	2,395	2,692	2,851	2,535	2,525	3,190	2,268
Other vehicle expenses	3,419	4,086	3,786	4,152	3,816	3,874	4,126	3,943
Public and other transportation	481	1,161	683	668	798	576	711	576
Healthcare	5,242	7,001	6,310	5,450	3,862	5,204	5,256	6,067
Entertainment	2,981	3,975	3,587	2,828	2,888	3,331	2,476	3,200
Personal care products and services	723	1,373	1,098	968	796	843	844	624
Reading	83	349	157	233	82	87	83	72
Education	963	2,378	896	1,411	857	634	1,400	1,319
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	367	248	249	188	131	171	379	255
Miscellaneous	878	1,270	1,226	793	642	706	1,179	973
Cash contributions	2,544	4,729	3,696	1,816	1,648	1,907	7,880	1,397
Personal insurance and pensions	7,150	13,179	10,720	9,666	7,386	9,099	7,014	7,767
Life and other personal insurance	437	657	554	527	388	380	380	484
Pensions and Social Security	6,713	12,522	10,167	9,139	6,997	8,719	6,634	7,283

¹ Data are rounded to the nearest thousands.
² Data are likely to have large sampling errors.