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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	52,010	20,227	28,100	5,858	14,194	8,047	3,684	5,716	37,136
Number of sample interviews	20,661	7,896	11,269	2,442	5,710	3,117	1,496	2,145	14,267
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes ¹	\$37,299	\$33,825	\$39,354	\$34,318	\$38,039	\$45,596	\$40,846	\$16,276	\$18,509
Income after taxes ¹	34,172	30,710	36,171	31,733	34,992	41,708	38,081	15,321	16,898
Average number of persons in consumer unit	3.3	2	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.9	5.1	2.9	1.5
Age of reference person	47.3	56.2	40.7	30.4	38.3	52.5	48.1	36.5	48.2
Average number in consumer unit:									
Earners	1.7	1.2	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.7	2.4	1.0	0.9
Vehicles	2.6	2.3	2.8	2.2	2.7	3.5	2.8	1.1	1.3
Children under 18	0.9	0.0	1.5	1.5	2.1	0.6	1.6	1.7	0.2
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.3
Percent distribution:									
Sex of reference person:									
Male	90	90	89	90	89	90	87	13	43
Female	10	10	11	10	11	10	13	87	57
Housing tenure:									
Homeowner with mortgage	52	37	62	53	69	58	54	26	20
Homeowner without mortgage	26	43	14	6	8	31	21	6	24
Renter	22	20	24	41	24	11	25	67	56
Race of reference person:									
Black	7	5	8	7	6	11	12	32	13
White and other	93	95	92	93	94	89	88	68	87
Education of reference person:									
Elementary (1-8)	10	13	7	2	6	12	13	5	13
High school (9-12)	44	43	44	44	44	45	52	57	43
College	45	43	48	54	49	42	35	37	43
Never attended and other	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
At least one vehicle owned	96	95	96	96	96	97	96	64	75
Average annual expenditures:									
Food	4,727	3,815	5,289	4,077	5,473	5,966	5,513	3,005	2,452

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Food at home	2,761	2,148	3,104	2,516	3,268	3,313	3,564	1,931	1,265
Cereals and bakery products	407	302	467	346	515	484	529	291	179
Cereals and cereal products	142	100	164	126	186	156	215	120	60
Bakery products	265	203	303	221	328	328	314	171	118
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	710	558	792	595	813	929	932	511	328
Beef	241	181	278	217	276	336	299	170	99
Pork	142	121	152	97	163	178	185	113	63
Other meats	105	77	122	86	133	133	125	71	52
Poultry	107	84	118	94	118	138	151	78	52
Fish and seafood	82	71	85	72	83	102	115	52	43
Eggs	34	24	38	29	40	42	56	26	19
Dairy products	353	266	404	340	431	408	457	256	163
Fresh milk and cream	170	120	197	169	209	198	247	141	80
Other dairy products	183	146	207	171	222	209	210	115	83
Fruits and vegetables	475	413	500	427	509	546	633	314	235
Fresh fruits	155	143	160	129	162	182	184	91	76
Fresh vegetables	139	126	144	120	145	164	178	98	70
Processed fruits	107	85	115	105	119	118	166	70	55
Processed vegetables	74	60	81	74	83	82	106	54	33
Other food at home	816	609	941	806	999	946	1,012	559	361
Sugar and other sweets	104	74	121	91	136	120	140	68	42
Fats and oils	72	60	77	58	83	85	98	48	30
Miscellaneous foods	345	247	408	414	428	361	417	256	148
Nonalcoholic beverages	252	188	291	211	311	323	309	175	125
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	43	40	44	32	42	57	48	12	15
Food away from home	1,967	1,667	2,185	1,561	2,205	2,653	1,949	1,074	1,187
Alcoholic beverages	263	259	265	273	244	299	272	167	292
Housing	9,731	8,453	10,542	10,808	10,850	9,819	10,567	7,113	5,903
Shelter	5,174	4,433	5,639	5,772	6,003	4,901	5,698	4,249	3,576
Owned dwellings	3,538	2,952	3,946	3,588	4,357	3,483	3,637	1,397	1,392
Mortgage interest and charges	2,242	1,497	2,758	2,765	3,216	1,945	2,402	951	721
Property taxes	665	732	622	390	623	790	628	227	320
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	630	723	566	433	518	749	607	218	351
Rented dwellings	1,050	904	1,110	1,891	1,104	553	1,387	2,344	1,919
Other lodging	587	577	583	294	542	865	675	508	265
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,100	1,873	2,219	1,841	2,197	2,533	2,439	1,482	1,295
Natural gas	277	249	288	245	271	349	344	206	178
Electricity	876	769	941	748	975	1,022	960	627	488
Fuel oil and other fuels	127	133	124	97	110	167	115	31	67
Telephone services	598	527	628	576	592	729	758	494	459
Water and other public services	223	195	239	175	249	267	262	123	103
Household operations	523	319	667	1,221	644	303	542	467	203
Personal services	236	9	400	982	365	39	232	333	55

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Other household expenses	287	311	266	239	279	264	310	133	148
Housekeeping supplies	463	409	499	477	491	533	488	271	227
Laundry and cleaning supplies	131	99	146	125	155	147	195	98	58
Other household products	193	174	208	212	205	212	176	103	88
Postage and stationery	140	137	144	139	132	174	117	69	81
Household furnishings and equipment	1,471	1,419	1,519	1,498	1,515	1,549	1,399	645	602
Household textiles	121	119	120	125	102	152	147	67	59
Furniture	441	405	476	532	495	403	373	178	188
Floor coverings	100	100	99	86	77	151	111	33	21
Major appliances	222	210	231	232	232	227	222	138	99
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	79	77	83	70	76	107	64	30	38
Miscellaneous household equipment	508	509	510	453	533	509	483	198	197
Apparel and services	1,829	1,395	2,083	1,764	2,182	2,171	2,301	1,383	1,019
Men and boys	510	402	579	428	608	653	586	258	231
Men, 16 and over	405	373	425	318	396	570	429	95	209
Boys, 2 to 15	106	29	155	111	212	82	157	164	22
Women and girls	707	509	830	564	941	854	866	684	399
Women, 16 and over	582	486	637	481	636	780	702	393	377
Girls, 2 to 15	125	23	193	83	305	74	164	291	22
Children under 2	92	34	128	357	70	42	144	64	20
Footwear	223	166	247	159	274	275	364	191	156
Other apparel products and services	296	284	299	256	289	347	341	186	213
Transportation	6,523	5,695	7,028	6,248	6,569	8,412	7,220	2,864	3,431
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,109	2,743	3,330	3,224	3,054	3,894	3,424	1,174	1,495
Cars and trucks, new	1,746	1,872	1,673	1,961	1,471	1,819	1,619	453	946
Cars and trucks, used	1,332	855	1,614	1,215	1,572	1,980	1,790	714	534
Other vehicles	31	16	43	49	11	95	15	7	16
Gasoline and motor oil	1,188	964	1,331	1,054	1,279	1,624	1,329	558	631
Other vehicle expenses	1,912	1,632	2,092	1,768	1,970	2,551	2,083	952	1,060
Vehicle finance charges	382	287	438	412	401	522	476	152	167
Maintenance and repairs	669	599	723	602	699	862	647	359	418
Vehicle insurance	642	553	690	541	617	927	771	321	348
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	219	194	241	214	253	240	189	120	128
Public transportation	314	356	275	203	266	344	385	180	245
Health care	1,658	1,837	1,473	1,206	1,479	1,659	2,086	578	903
Health insurance	594	735	488	414	471	574	628	205	348
Medical services	687	608	693	576	730	711	1,074	261	350
Drugs	284	382	210	156	194	278	309	85	159
Medical supplies	93	111	82	61	83	97	75	27	46
Entertainment	1,700	1,366	1,961	1,734	2,175	1,748	1,549	920	870
Fees and admissions	448	384	495	311	541	548	444	189	245

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Television, radios, sound equipment	500	376	586	536	625	554	532	330	310
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	307	232	359	399	405	248	322	196	127
Other supplies, equipment, and services	445	374	521	489	604	399	251	206	188
Personal care products and services	413	347	456	332	474	529	443	259	232
Reading	180	178	182	150	186	198	173	90	117
Education	416	192	571	142	521	969	470	224	257
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	280	229	300	251	293	349	405	209	194
Miscellaneous	677	588	733	601	711	871	746	462	456
Cash contributions	875	1,014	760	498	731	1,002	994	207	513
Personal insurance and pensions	3,041	2,587	3,373	2,858	3,359	3,771	3,001	1,135	1,312
Life and other personal insurance	462	460	471	357	481	534	408	153	132
Pensions and Social Security	2,579	2,127	2,902	2,502	2,878	3,237	2,593	982	1,180
Sources of income and taxes: ¹									
Money income before taxes	37,299	33,825	39,354	34,318	38,039	45,596	40,846	16,276	18,509
Wages and salaries	29,212	21,787	34,257	31,250	33,644	37,668	31,754	12,212	13,137
Self-employment income	2,606	2,283	2,904	2,138	2,886	3,517	2,108	305	909
Social Security, private and government retirement	3,595	7,071	964	89	327	2,803	4,464	605	2,722
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,222	2,208	549	192	512	887	912	162	870
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	339	325	320	216	303	431	562	142	122
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	157	39	153	145	161	144	848	1,671	300
Regular contributions for support	92	38	129	141	146	91	111	1,135	347
Other income	76	73	77	148	59	56	86	45	104
Personal taxes ¹	3,127	3,115	3,183	2,585	3,046	3,888	2,765	955	1,611
Federal income taxes	2,461	2,494	2,469	2,031	2,350	3,022	2,213	713	1,298
State and local income taxes	586	545	629	511	591	788	487	221	287
Other taxes	80	75	85	44	106	78	65	21	27
Income after taxes ¹	34,172	30,710	36,171	31,733	34,992	41,708	38,081	15,321	16,898
Addenda:									

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Net change in total assets	5,886	5,057	6,149	8,501	7,393	2,243	8,425	1,584	1,992
Net change in total liabilities	4,527	3,718	5,101	7,418	5,998	1,833	4,592	4,031	2,005
Other financial information									
Other money receipts	448	722	282	310	261	299	204	667	288
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-679	-481	-802	-544	-922	-779	-833	-386	-214
Estimated market value of owned home	78,396	79,080	77,225	54,062	77,723	93,207	83,582	24,412	34,438
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	475	477	470	364	468	549	502	174	217
Gifts of:									
Clothing, males 2 and over	89	122	62	56	56	78	119	13	50
Clothing, females 2 and over	95	100	92	84	70	142	87	62	61
Clothing, infants less than 2	38	34	38	61	28	35	55	18	13
Jewelry and watches	17	17	15	9	12	25	31	16	40
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	23	23	23	32	19	24	16	3	10
Household textiles	12	16	9	9	9	10	17	0	7
All other gifts	736	744	691	592	616	897	1,039	381	469

¹ Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary at <http://stats.bls.gov/csxgloss.htm>

Note: All values have been rounded, and therefore some rounded values equal zero. When data are not reported or are not applicable (i.e., missing values), values are set to zero.

Note: Some data are likely to have large sampling errors