

Table 21. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1991-92

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston	Pittsburgh	Buffalo
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	20,690	6,634	2,201	1,692	1,036	569
Consumer unit characteristics:						
Income before taxes ¹	\$36,924	\$41,808	\$41,916	\$41,439	\$33,830	\$28,293
Age of reference person	48.5	48.4	49.4	46.7	50.9	50.0
Average number in consumer unit:						
Persons	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2
Vehicles	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5
Percent homeowner	60	53	66	58	71	60
Average annual expenditures:						
Food	\$31,016	\$35,807	\$31,985	\$31,824	\$28,177	\$24,709
Food at home	4,515	5,011	4,596	4,371	4,374	4,537
Cereals and bakery products	2,757	2,918	2,723	2,508	2,778	3,139
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	444	466	447	405	465	486
Dairy products	774	877	755	694	714	897
Fruits and vegetables	317	332	335	271	326	302
Other food at home	468	534	420	483	422	493
Other food at home	754	708	765	656	852	961
Food away from home	1,759	2,093	1,873	1,863	1,596	1,398
Alcoholic beverages	304	327	308	298	236	292
Housing	10,499	13,193	10,705	11,296	8,412	8,062
Shelter	6,428	8,724	6,285	7,356	4,392	4,766
Owned dwellings	3,963	5,311	4,041	4,339	2,784	2,971
Rented dwellings	1,995	2,855	1,838	2,543	1,012	1,517
Other lodging	469	557	406	473	596	278
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,075	2,283	2,183	1,957	2,113	1,905
Household operations	431	578	385	403	462	183
Housekeeping supplies	420	401	485	425	483	289
Household furnishings and equipment	1,145	1,207	1,366	1,155	963	919
Apparel and services	1,976	2,471	2,099	2,067	2,019	1,345
Transportation	4,682	4,672	4,252	5,147	4,808	4,373
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	1,671	1,166	1,268	2,153	2,001	1,908
Gasoline and motor oil	863	817	862	918	800	748
Other vehicle expenses	1,722	1,891	1,848	1,724	1,728	1,482
Public transportation	427	798	274	352	279	236
Health care	1,578	1,667	1,475	1,708	1,801	1,394
Entertainment	1,480	1,671	1,460	1,596	1,301	1,140
Personal care products and services	402	513	406	391	336	347
Reading	186	185	183	218	151	133
Education	556	592	748	720	535	306
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	279	277	292	254	255	242
Miscellaneous	816	935	817	698	626	641

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 21. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1991-92- Continued

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston	Pittsburgh	Buffalo
Cash contributions	867	1,006	1,324	672	699	482
Personal insurance and pensions	2,876	3,289	3,322	2,388	2,623	1,416
Life and other personal insurance	382	440	345	307	437	296
Pensions and Social Security	2,494	2,849	2,976	2,081	2,186	1,120

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