

**Table 23. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1991-92**

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	33,177	1,473	870	1,138	1,327	1,533	1,365
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>							
<b>Income before taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	\$31,359	\$52,650	\$38,861	\$44,522	\$32,752	\$39,489	\$35,778
<b>Age of reference person</b>	47.7	42.9	46.1	43.5	51.4	42.5	45.3
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>							
Persons	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.7
Earners	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4
Vehicles	1.9	1.7	1.6	2.0	1.5	1.8	1.8
Percent homeowner	63	56	62	60	61	50	52
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>							
<b>Food</b>	\$27,823	\$39,745	\$32,746	\$36,774	\$30,002	\$35,190	\$32,823
Food at home	4,059	4,713	4,655	4,236	4,941	4,869	4,887
Cereals and bakery products	2,533	2,662	3,002	2,266	2,698	2,993	2,803
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	379	378	450	349	396	473	398
Dairy products	706	671	902	620	783	802	800
Fruits and vegetables	272	270	310	227	310	333	274
Other food at home	401	515	469	372	494	484	404
Food away from home	776	828	872	699	716	902	927
Alcoholic beverages	1,526	2,051	1,653	1,970	2,243	1,876	2,084
<b>Housing</b>	209	374	221	279	327	215	299
Shelter	8,337	13,609	11,362	12,409	9,862	10,825	9,377
Owned dwellings	4,382	8,682	7,193	6,913	6,107	6,094	4,911
Rented dwellings	2,709	5,341	4,785	4,386	3,585	3,376	2,585
Other lodging	1,405	2,557	2,069	1,982	2,260	2,432	2,024
Utilities, fuels, and public services	268	785	338	545	263	286	302
Household operations	2,006	2,016	1,969	2,398	1,962	2,238	2,312
Housekeeping supplies	453	615	525	699	503	960	485
Household furnishings and equipment	415	534	441	473	398	439	476
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,082	1,761	1,235	1,926	891	1,094	1,192
<b>Transportation</b>	1,608	2,328	1,925	2,227	1,594	2,017	2,170
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	5,161	5,868	5,050	6,167	5,047	6,962	6,455
Gasoline and motor oil	2,262	1,960	2,014	2,417	1,711	3,076	2,978
Other vehicle expenses	1,028	997	1,035	1,152	920	1,220	1,141
Public transportation	1,677	2,355	1,836	2,209	2,034	2,358	2,098
Health care	194	556	165	389	382	308	239
Health care	1,689	1,643	1,536	1,903	1,550	1,658	1,638
Entertainment	1,274	1,744	1,490	1,767	1,360	1,626	1,726
Personal care products and services	397	542	441	487	405	488	489
Reading	136	255	134	188	128	181	169
Education	377	1,267	427	555	257	314	291
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	287	180	293	258	252	301	297

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 23. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1991-92- Continued**

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Miscellaneous	777	1,089	902	896	961	828	821
Cash contributions	919	1,483	905	1,539	824	893	1,317
<b>Personal insurance and pensions</b>	2,592	4,651	3,404	3,860	2,494	4,014	2,887
Life and other personal insurance	381	426	370	623	278	456	336
Pensions and Social Security	2,212	4,224	3,035	3,237	2,217	3,557	2,551

<sup>1</sup> 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