

Table 21. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1992-93

| Item | All consumer units in the Northeast | New York | Philadelphia | Boston | Pittsburgh | Buffalo |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Number of consumer units (in thousands) | 20,719 | 6,611 | 2,288 | 1,697 | 1,047 | 560 |
| Consumer unit characteristics: | | | | | | |
| Income before taxes ¹ | \$37,184 | \$41,542 | \$40,719 | \$45,057 | \$32,837 | \$28,272 |
| Age of reference person | 49 | 49 | 49 | 47 | 52 | 51 |
| Average number in consumer unit: | | | | | | |
| Persons | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Earners | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Vehicles | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| Percent homeowner | 58 | 52 | 67 | 54 | 72 | 61 |
| Average annual expenditures: | | | | | | |
| Food | \$31,418 | \$35,760 | \$34,591 | \$33,631 | \$28,976 | \$24,297 |
| Food at home | 4,619 | 5,241 | 4,700 | 4,329 | 4,476 | 4,663 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 2,910 | 3,319 | 2,891 | 2,493 | 2,858 | 3,358 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 470 | 526 | 456 | 406 | 480 | 506 |
| Dairy products | 818 | 998 | 791 | 691 | 722 | 1,052 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 331 | 368 | 350 | 283 | 314 | 317 |
| Other food at home | 495 | 598 | 457 | 491 | 445 | 513 |
| Food away from home | 795 | 829 | 837 | 623 | 898 | 970 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 1,709 | 1,922 | 1,809 | 1,836 | 1,618 | 1,305 |
| Housing | 329 | 361 | 231 | 293 | 325 | 273 |
| Shelter | 10,731 | 13,080 | 12,180 | 12,338 | 8,607 | 7,865 |
| Owned dwellings | 6,481 | 8,487 | 6,737 | 7,784 | 4,295 | 4,641 |
| Rented dwellings | 3,912 | 5,012 | 4,513 | 4,347 | 2,751 | 2,921 |
| Other lodging | 2,137 | 2,977 | 1,821 | 2,899 | 1,063 | 1,417 |
| Utilities, fuels, and public services | 432 | 499 | 403 | 539 | 480 | 303 |
| Household operations | 2,150 | 2,391 | 2,215 | 2,136 | 2,197 | 2,039 |
| Housekeeping supplies | 462 | 589 | 492 | 593 | 565 | 231 |
| Household furnishings and equipment | 421 | 425 | 523 | 426 | 474 | 212 |
| Apparel and services | 1,218 | 1,187 | 2,212 | 1,399 | 1,076 | 741 |
| Transportation | 1,958 | 2,435 | 2,422 | 1,990 | 2,185 | 1,313 |
| Health care | 4,757 | 4,882 | 4,858 | 5,525 | 4,981 | 3,960 |
| Entertainment | 1,681 | 1,337 | 1,423 | 2,343 | 2,108 | 1,394 |
| Personal care products and services | 843 | 826 | 828 | 968 | 800 | 713 |
| Reading | 1,803 | 2,004 | 2,237 | 1,824 | 1,776 | 1,539 |
| Education | 430 | 715 | 369 | 390 | 298 | 314 |
| Tobacco products and smoking supplies | 1,694 | 1,689 | 1,803 | 1,640 | 1,903 | 1,399 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,543 | 1,606 | 1,630 | 1,926 | 1,364 | 1,204 |
| | 379 | 487 | 488 | 369 | 347 | 249 |
| | 189 | 174 | 210 | 215 | 154 | 159 |
| | 521 | 691 | 450 | 756 | 442 | 345 |
| | 267 | 271 | 283 | 249 | 261 | 234 |
| | 680 | 752 | 602 | 685 | 597 | 518 |

See footnotes at end of table.

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| Item | All consumer units in the Northeast | New York | Philadelphia | Boston | Pittsburgh | Buffalo |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------|------------|---------|
| Cash contributions | 893 | 1,017 | 1,229 | 746 | 768 | 513 |
| Personal insurance and pensions | 2,857 | 3,075 | 3,504 | 2,569 | 2,566 | 1,601 |
| Life and other personal insurance | 361 | 379 | 340 | 363 | 384 | 303 |
| Pensions and Social Security | 2,496 | 2,696 | 3,164 | 2,206 | 2,182 | 1,298 |

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