

**Table 23. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1992-93**

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	33,821	1,423	907	1,250	1,347	1,483	1,383
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>							
<b>Income before taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	\$31,690	\$51,890	\$37,503	\$43,901	\$31,909	\$39,854	\$36,456
<b>Age of reference person</b>	48	43	47	43	49	43	44
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>							
Persons	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.5
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4
Vehicles	1.9	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.7
Percent homeowner	64	56	62	60	57	52	53
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>							
<b>Food</b>	\$28,511	\$40,507	\$30,820	\$36,893	\$30,744	\$37,258	\$34,062
Food at home	4,117	5,031	4,574	4,210	4,934	4,898	4,705
Cereals and bakery products	2,522	2,840	2,933	2,224	2,918	2,914	2,694
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	390	424	418	357	440	449	394
Dairy products	694	694	882	593	858	800	766
Fruits and vegetables	267	295	307	221	311	313	281
Other food at home	400	543	487	379	525	447	418
Food away from home	770	885	839	674	783	905	836
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	1,595	2,191	1,641	1,985	2,016	1,984	2,011
<b>Housing</b>	232	432	326	306	285	238	318
Shelter	8,594	14,233	10,690	12,690	10,018	11,401	10,060
Owned dwellings	4,479	8,901	6,425	7,241	6,152	6,180	5,247
Rented dwellings	2,749	5,477	4,187	4,834	3,400	3,485	2,877
Other lodging	1,433	2,755	1,914	1,883	2,550	2,390	2,052
Other lodging	297	670	324	525	201	305	318
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,124	2,180	2,056	2,474	2,083	2,484	2,391
Household operations	480	741	509	706	482	1,036	638
Housekeeping supplies	418	571	525	439	404	406	479
Household furnishings and equipment	1,093	1,840	1,175	1,830	897	1,296	1,306
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,549	2,027	1,753	2,103	1,625	1,837	1,819
<b>Transportation</b>	5,239	5,753	4,067	6,368	5,596	7,444	6,388
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,301	1,918	1,184	2,702	2,216	3,620	2,770
Gasoline and motor oil	1,022	976	916	1,066	931	1,201	1,106
Other vehicle expenses	1,713	2,374	1,737	2,246	2,007	2,334	2,147
Public transportation	202	486	230	353	442	289	365
<b>Health care</b>	1,822	1,723	1,608	1,971	1,583	1,916	1,813
<b>Entertainment</b>	1,472	1,796	1,602	1,940	1,297	1,734	1,906
<b>Personal care products and services</b>	382	534	436	500	374	423	430
<b>Reading</b>	139	248	144	182	128	172	158
<b>Education</b>	390	1,095	440	405	475	322	312
<b>Tobacco products and smoking supplies</b>	286	171	281	262	235	329	248

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Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Miscellaneous	721	1,003	679	836	780	1,020	974
Cash contributions	925	1,719	826	1,438	941	1,209	1,796
<b>Personal insurance and pensions</b>	2,644	4,743	3,394	3,683	2,473	4,315	3,134
Life and other personal insurance	431	565	328	470	279	611	407
Pensions and Social Security	2,213	4,178	3,066	3,213	2,193	3,704	2,727

<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