

**Table 23. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures, characteristics, and sources of income of all consumer units, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1993-94**

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	34,201	1,389	923	1,360	1,261	1,536	1,443
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>							
<b>Income before taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	\$33,047	\$49,776	\$41,090	\$44,841	\$35,699	\$38,989	\$37,929
<b>Age of reference person</b>	47.6	42.6	47.7	43.2	48.2	42.8	44.0
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>							
Persons	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.4
Children under 18	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3
Vehicles	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.7
Percent homeowner	66	57	64	58	59	51	53
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>							
<b>Food</b>	4,226	4,909	4,340	4,449	4,982	4,838	5,081
Food at home	2,591	2,646	2,625	2,446	2,912	2,889	2,794
Cereals and bakery products	400	432	376	366	433	431	396
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	734	598	831	703	853	810	782
Dairy products	268	287	270	243	314	287	286
Fruits and vegetables	405	457	435	403	531	461	453
Other food at home	784	874	713	730	779	900	877
Food away from home	1,634	2,262	1,715	2,003	2,070	1,949	2,286
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	238	418	406	332	245	447	292
<b>Housing</b>	8,912	13,785	10,839	12,447	10,920	11,643	10,488
Shelter	4,629	8,773	6,596	7,397	6,387	6,039	5,412
Owned dwellings	2,882	5,547	4,435	4,830	3,764	3,226	2,959
Rented dwellings	1,432	2,746	1,684	2,054	2,406	2,509	2,068
Other lodging	314	479	477	513	218	304	385
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,242	2,288	2,157	2,584	2,325	2,642	2,449
Household operations	482	801	544	645	596	941	737
Housekeeping supplies	385	490	427	364	347	412	465
Household furnishings and equipment	1,174	1,434	1,115	1,457	1,265	1,610	1,426
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,508	1,781	1,471	1,983	1,635	2,011	2,082
<b>Transportation</b>	5,764	6,765	4,680	7,390	6,000	7,324	7,019
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,673	2,921	1,564	3,465	2,340	3,419	3,120
Gasoline and motor oil	1,029	941	895	979	967	1,180	1,127
Other vehicle expenses	1,811	2,321	1,940	2,531	2,135	2,415	2,359
Public transportation	250	582	280	415	558	309	412
<b>Health care</b>	1,891	1,804	1,784	2,072	1,537	2,014	2,005
<b>Entertainment</b>	1,535	1,847	1,581	1,931	1,463	1,805	1,739

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3020. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1993-94- Continued

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Personal care products and services	377	551	406	482	408	450	425
Reading	139	250	153	190	132	159	147
Education	408	1,009	555	445	521	679	408
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	274	136	253	252	234	355	204
Miscellaneous	699	753	771	806	769	1,242	976
Cash contributions	955	1,763	758	1,658	790	1,447	1,675
Personal insurance and pensions	2,734	4,923	3,611	3,764	2,764	4,351	3,680
Life and other personal insurance	450	572	475	487	313	695	434
Pensions and Social Security	2,284	4,351	3,136	3,277	2,451	3,657	3,246

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

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