

Table 21. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1994-95

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston	Pittsburgh	Buffalo
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	20,518	6,552	1,901	1,851	1,003	561
Consumer unit characteristics:						
Income before taxes ¹	\$39,301	\$42,560	\$39,164	\$52,720	\$32,314	\$29,320
Age of reference person	49.4	49.8	48.3	47.2	53.8	51.3
Average number in consumer unit:						
Persons	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.2
Children under 18	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Persons 65 and over	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1
Vehicles	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.5
Percent homeowner	61.0	52.0	65.0	57.0	72.0	65.0
Average annual expenditures:						
Food	\$32,778	\$36,486	\$31,763	\$35,510	\$27,663	\$24,861
Food at home	4,788	5,442	4,648	4,575	3,888	4,296
Cereals and bakery products	3,028	3,399	3,062	2,357	2,591	3,123
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	505	563	520	400	440	531
Dairy products	853	1,046	874	609	717	876
Fruits and vegetables	323	356	316	251	270	311
Other food at home	531	648	488	442	399	506
Food away from home	816	786	865	656	765	898
Alcoholic beverages	1,760	2,042	1,586	2,218	1,298	1,173
Housing	320	356	300	487	217	287
Shelter	11,403	14,024	10,277	12,803	8,818	9,153
Owned dwellings	6,857	8,947	6,221	7,844	4,471	4,985
Rented dwellings	4,198	5,027	3,952	4,838	3,063	3,386
Other lodging	2,141	3,311	1,855	2,367	1,099	1,323
Utilities, fuels, and public services	518	608	415	639	308	276
Household operations	2,315	2,585	2,196	2,401	2,300	2,153
Housekeeping supplies	489	625	394	710	436	221
Household furnishings and equipment	438	437	443	518	416	329
Apparel and services	1,304	1,429	1,023	1,329	1,195	1,465
Transportation	1,832	2,322	1,666	1,995	1,542	1,503
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	5,290	4,995	5,418	5,755	4,791	3,635
Gasoline and motor oil	2,007	1,253	2,154	2,278	2,093	1,225
Other vehicle expenses	855	764	793	863	765	785
Public transportation	1,911	2,083	2,082	1,977	1,550	1,430
Health care	518	895	389	637	382	195
Entertainment	1,718	1,823	1,451	1,876	1,652	1,304
Personal care products and services	1,530	1,547	1,371	1,894	1,309	1,304
Reading	416	492	504	480	321	286
Education	188	179	179	229	136	151
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Tobacco products and smoking supplies	258	248	307	231	254	177
Miscellaneous	689	743	599	563	750	408
Cash contributions	879	578	1,292	724	881	353
Personal insurance and pensions	2,925	3,061	3,162	3,257	2,340	1,525
Life and other personal insurance	383	373	559	371	313	339
Pensions and Social Security	2,542	2,688	2,603	2,886	2,028	1,186

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