

**Table 24. Selected western metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1996-97**

Item	All consumer units in the West	Los Angeles	San Francisco	San Diego	Portland	Seattle	Honolulu	Anchorage	Phoenix	Denver
Number of consumer units (in thousands) ....	22,488	5,032	2,789	930	1,020	1,249	263	86	1,097	1,002
Consumer unit characteristics:										
Income before taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	\$42,125	\$47,595	\$52,562	\$43,229	\$43,885	\$45,276	\$49,255	\$58,133	\$46,832	\$52,591
Age of reference person .....	46.2	46.9	45.5	47.1	49.0	46.5	49.6	41.1	46.1	44.9
Average number in consumer unit:										
Persons .....	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.5
Children under 18 .....	.8	.9	.7	.7	.6	.6	.7	.8	.7	.6
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.1	.3	.2
Earners .....	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.5
Vehicles .....	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.6	2.3	2.2	1.7	2.4	1.8	2.1
Percent homeowner .....	58	51	56	48	63	63	54	56	59	65
Average annual expenditures .....	\$37,413	\$39,400	\$44,668	\$37,974	\$40,050	\$40,440	\$41,992	\$51,276	\$36,537	\$41,718
Food .....	4,998	4,952	6,174	4,666	5,035	5,241	5,672	6,782	3,954	4,918
Food at home .....	3,078	2,950	3,810	2,791	3,218	3,261	3,493	4,363	2,240	2,820
Cereals and bakery products .....	467	428	577	426	501	483	517	709	350	415
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	753	788	969	649	790	758	923	1,052	445	629
Dairy products .....	339	314	382	343	332	349	304	445	262	359
Fruits and vegetables .....	549	539	814	478	538	550	717	794	335	460
Other food at home .....	971	880	1,068	895	1,056	1,122	1,033	1,364	848	958
Food away from home .....	1,920	2,003	2,364	1,874	1,817	1,980	2,179	2,418	1,715	2,099
Alcoholic beverages .....	350	304	558	346	387	425	381	443	322	551
Housing .....	12,706	14,950	15,074	15,065	12,937	14,226	13,638	16,273	12,715	13,218
Shelter .....	7,746	9,676	9,910	9,927	7,948	8,820	9,371	9,709	7,024	8,089
Owned dwellings .....	4,632	5,500	5,785	5,772	5,302	5,969	5,458	5,591	4,275	5,332
Rented dwellings .....	2,636	3,677	3,584	3,669	2,099	2,241	3,584	3,619	2,198	2,269
Other lodging .....	478	500	541	486	547	609	329	499	551	488
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	2,140	2,267	2,217	1,974	2,131	2,199	1,975	2,427	2,682	2,066
Household operations .....	672	907	916	1,129	729	688	387	774	603	687
Housekeeping supplies .....	522	557	491	525	413	469	526	484	402	544
Household furnishings and equipment .....	1,625	1,543	1,540	1,510	1,716	2,051	1,379	2,879	2,003	1,831
Apparel and services .....	1,750	1,804	2,021	1,682	2,138	1,952	2,215	1,623	1,790	2,310
Transportation .....	6,815	6,926	7,301	5,893	7,409	7,712	7,955	10,459	7,044	8,138
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	2,772	2,270	2,684	1,967	3,598	3,521	3,521	5,136	2,833	3,286
Gasoline and motor oil .....	1,138	1,238	1,164	1,052	1,037	1,169	1,046	1,206	1,110	1,137
Other vehicle expenses .....	2,401	2,785	2,758	2,428	2,250	2,476	2,357	2,931	2,626	3,116
Public transportation .....	504	634	695	446	524	545	1,032	1,186	476	599
Health care .....	1,706	1,528	1,808	1,747	1,926	1,557	1,618	1,738	1,833	1,743
Entertainment .....	2,029	1,811	2,219	1,950	2,029	2,308	2,041	4,725	2,181	2,365
Personal care products and services .....	532	623	619	629	470	531	709	612	590	583
Reading .....	175	162	236	186	221	227	216	274	181	200
Education .....	594	461	787	602	727	636	847	857	359	641
Tobacco products and smoking supplies ....	209	155	211	177	298	266	280	413	222	239
Miscellaneous .....	942	981	1,021	590	974	959	964	1,064	638	997
Cash contributions .....	1,017	856	1,729	822	1,588	880	892	1,210	919	883
Personal insurance and pensions .....	3,591	3,886	4,910	3,617	3,911	3,521	4,564	4,803	3,789	4,930
Life and other personal insurance .....	310	273	327	278	450	306	743	549	255	503
Pensions and Social Security .....	3,280	3,613	4,584	3,340	3,461	3,215	3,821	4,254	3,534	4,426

<sup>1</sup> Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary.