

Table 3870. Consumer units with reference person age 75 and over by region of residence: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997-98

Item	Total 75 and over	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	9,892	2,072	2,574	3,357	1,889
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes ¹	\$19,823	\$19,340	\$18,261	\$18,673	\$24,303
Income after taxes ¹	19,012	18,512	17,593	18,098	22,916
Age of reference person	81.0	81.1	81.2	80.8	81.1
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
Children under 18	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Persons 65 and over	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Earners2	.1	.2	.2	.3
Vehicles	1.2	.9	1.2	1.2	1.4
Percent distribution:					
Sex of reference person:					
Male	44	44	44	43	46
Female	56	56	56	57	54
Housing tenure:					
Homeowner	76	66	75	82	81
With mortgage	9	4	7	11	12
Without mortgage	68	62	68	71	68
Renter	24	34	25	18	19
Race of reference person:					
Black	7	6	7	11	3
White and other	93	94	93	89	97
Education of reference person:					
Elementary (1-8)	22	21	22	24	18
High school (9-12)	46	50	51	44	41
College	31	28	27	31	40
Never attended and other	1	(³)	(⁴)	2	1
At least one vehicle owned or leased	75	67	74	78	78
Average annual expenditures	\$20,632	\$19,167	\$18,550	\$20,837	\$24,654
Food					
Food at home	1,984	2,186	1,711	1,981	2,130
Cereals and bakery products	324	390	302	300	322
Cereals and cereal products	105	119	93	103	107
Bakery products	219	270	208	197	215
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	487	546	398	500	519
Beef	133	148	102	129	161
Pork	118	103	114	142	102
Other meats	66	78	62	57	69
Poultry	84	103	65	84	89
Fish and seafood	59	83	34	60	63
Eggs	28	30	22	28	35
Dairy products	222	232	186	233	240
Fresh milk and cream	94	97	78	104	96
Other dairy products	128	135	108	129	144
Fruits and vegetables	394	442	337	388	426
Fresh fruits	138	153	140	129	135
Fresh vegetables	113	136	81	112	135
Processed fruits	88	95	71	90	99
Processed vegetables	55	58	45	58	57

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Item	Total 75 and over	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other food at home	\$557	\$576	\$488	\$559	\$622
Sugar and other sweets	82	79	88	79	83
Fats and oils	67	74	53	69	72
Miscellaneous foods	249	260	209	245	298
Nonalcoholic beverages	136	149	112	143	142
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	22	15	25	22	27
Food away from home	885	931	821	871	940
Alcoholic beverages	129	166	105	92	180
Housing	7,359	7,973	6,437	6,848	8,835
Shelter	3,724	4,382	3,201	3,070	4,876
Owned dwellings	2,188	2,414	1,797	1,862	3,054
Mortgage interest and charges	320	172	226	262	712
Property taxes	920	1,476	851	648	887
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	949	766	719	952	1,456
Rented dwellings	1,302	1,733	1,256	1,044	1,350
Other lodging	233	235	149	164	471
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,943	1,946	1,897	1,976	1,944
Natural gas	311	448	411	196	231
Electricity	763	615	694	920	742
Fuel oil and other fuels	111	235	86	76	68
Telephone services	476	431	462	494	512
Water and other public services	281	216	244	289	391
Household operations	540	480	321	636	733
Personal services	177	⁵ 239	84	228	⁵ 146
Other household expenses	362	241	238	407	587
Housekeeping supplies	362	351	351	338	424
Laundry and cleaning supplies	81	82	98	69	74
Other household products	164	142	163	185	156
Postage and stationery	118	127	90	84	194
Household furnishings and equipment	790	814	666	828	858
Household textiles	66	126	28	53	73
Furniture	126	83	136	163	96
Floor coverings	113	⁵ 111	⁵ 134	⁵ 159	⁵ 15
Major appliances	110	93	66	165	91
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	44	57	30	37	60
Miscellaneous household equipment	331	343	272	251	523
Apparel and services	652	715	477	752	661
Men and boys	114	116	118	110	116
Men, 16 and over	105	104	111	105	100
Boys, 2 to 15	9	12	7	4	15
Women and girls	333	361	217	417	326
Women, 16 and over	321	339	211	412	305
Girls, 2 to 15	12	21	6	⁵ 5	21
Children under 2	18	⁵ 10	8	⁵ 32	⁵ 18
Footwear	109	156	76	115	91
Other apparel products and services	78	72	58	79	110
Transportation	2,842	1,911	2,343	3,202	3,895
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	1,064	⁵ 373	852	1,308	1,678
Cars and trucks, new	620	⁵ 231	⁵ 447	740	1,071
Cars and trucks, used	433	⁵ 142	405	535	607
Other vehicles	⁵ 11	(⁴)	(⁴)	⁵ 33	(⁴)
Gasoline and motor oil	463	394	424	490	543

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Item	Total 75 and over	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Other vehicle expenses	\$1,067	\$824	\$976	\$1,165	\$1,272
Vehicle finance charges	43	19	43	65	32
Maintenance and repairs	398	306	355	394	556
Vehicle insurance	429	365	397	451	503
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	196	133	181	254	181
Public transportation	248	320	91	239	402
Health care	2,869	2,565	3,256	2,788	2,813
Health insurance	1,499	1,396	1,724	1,485	1,327
Medical services	539	521	545	420	759
Drugs	683	502	790	778	561
Medical supplies	148	146	196	104	166
Entertainment	799	704	651	811	1,061
Fees and admissions	231	161	164	181	475
Television, radios, sound equipment	295	385	225	300	278
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	135	90	153	132	161
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	139	68	108	197	147
Personal care products and services	301	307	249	351	284
Reading	145	151	155	130	152
Education	53	⁵ 41	⁵ 35	39	116
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	87	71	98	82	96
Miscellaneous	505	520	394	473	691
Cash contributions	1,534	565	1,259	1,970	2,197
Personal insurance and pensions	489	363	559	450	603
Life and other personal insurance	251	175	283	315	178
Pensions and Social Security	238	188	276	134	425
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹					
Money income before taxes	19,823	19,340	18,261	18,673	24,303
Wages and salaries	1,829	1,549	1,472	1,197	3,660
Self-employment income	400	⁵ 985	391	⁵ 54	⁵ 429
Social Security, private and government retirement	15,380	14,794	14,738	15,457	16,653
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,842	1,790	1,318	1,585	3,012
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	110	⁵ 75	180	⁵ 95	⁵ 80
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	161	125	81	200	233
Regular contributions for support	75	⁵ 12	⁵ 38	⁵ 67	199
Other income	27	⁵ 12	⁵ 42	⁵ 19	⁵ 35
Personal taxes	811	828	668	575	1,387
Federal income taxes	569	548	420	402	1,071
State and local income taxes	78	72	70	38	163
Other taxes	164	207	178	135	153
Income after taxes	19,012	18,512	17,593	18,098	22,916

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Item	Total 75 and over	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Addenda:					
Net change in total assets and liabilities	- \$428	- \$2,252	\$616	\$636	- \$1,740
Net change in total assets	328	-2,210	495	2,022	-128
Net change in total liabilities	755	42	-121	1,386	1,611
Other financial information:					
Other money receipts	204	151	90	328	195
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-208	-168	-188	-157	-369
Estimated market value of owned home	78,456	77,734	60,655	64,913	127,590
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	545	532	435	500	790
Gifts of goods and services	736	690	548	545	1,364
Food	46	59	39	41	47
Housing	192	214	125	182	275
Housekeeping supplies	25	25	26	17	33
Household textiles	10	⁵ 6	⁵ 1	⁵ 13	⁵ 23
Appliances and miscellaneous					
housewares	14	⁵ 16	⁵ 12	⁵ 6	26
Major appliances	3	(⁴)	⁵ 2	⁵ 3	⁵ 5
Small appliances and miscellaneous					
housewares	11	⁵ 16	⁵ 10	⁵ 2	21
Miscellaneous household equipment	38	42	37	32	44
Other housing	106	126	49	114	149
Apparel and services	126	137	102	122	153
Males, 2 and over	38	33	47	30	45
Females, 2 and over	50	71	39	39	60
Children under 2	17	⁵ 10	⁵ 8	⁵ 31	⁵ 15
Other apparel products and services	21	⁵ 24	⁵ 8	22	⁵ 33
Jewelry and watches	10	⁵ 4	⁵ 5	16	⁵ 14
All other apparel products and services	11	⁵ 20	⁵ 3	⁵ 6	⁵ 19
Transportation	62	15	14	32	232
Health care	122	⁵ 88	⁵ 161	⁵ 24	283
Entertainment	54	34	29	46	116
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	17	8	16	23	20
Other entertainment	36	26	14	23	95
Education	35	⁵ 31	⁵ 17	⁵ 26	⁵ 82
All other gifts	99	112	62	72	178

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

² Value less than 0.05.

³ Value less than 0.5.

⁴ No data reported.

⁵ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

n.a. Not applicable.