

**Table 22. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997-98**

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Milwaukee	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Cleveland	Cincinnati	St. Louis	Kansas City
Number of consumer units (in thousands) ....	25,288	3,287	1,976	616	1,250	1,178	806	1,018	795
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	\$40,068	\$43,160	\$43,557	\$47,403	\$53,543	\$42,142	\$48,656	\$46,416	\$44,351
Age of reference person .....	48.5	48.1	48.6	49.8	47.3	48.6	47.2	50.7	46.4
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons .....	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.4
Children under 18 .....	.7	.7	.7	.7	.6	.7	.6	.7	.7
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.3	.3	.4	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3
Earners .....	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.4
Vehicles .....	2.2	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1
Percent homeowner .....	69	64	72	66	69	71	63	74	64
Average annual expenditures .....									
Food .....	\$34,109	\$36,497	\$35,658	\$36,310	\$47,198	\$36,450	\$36,772	\$36,968	\$35,890
Food at home .....	4,696	4,978	5,057	4,537	5,607	5,027	5,055	5,310	5,490
Cereals and bakery products .....	2,732	2,874	2,920	2,579	3,253	3,006	2,843	3,107	3,452
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	439	442	476	373	504	513	481	477	506
Dairy products .....	675	769	812	574	672	873	661	838	1,030
Fruits and vegetables .....	304	291	320	305	453	282	301	288	346
Other food at home .....	437	533	494	371	513	444	471	546	502
Food away from home .....	877	839	817	956	1,111	894	928	958	1,068
Alcoholic beverages .....	1,963	2,105	2,137	1,958	2,354	2,021	2,213	2,203	2,038
Housing .....	295	312	331	391	525	321	342	234	219
Shelter .....	10,789	13,071	11,789	13,333	14,766	11,721	12,091	11,157	11,334
Owned dwellings .....	5,848	7,695	6,809	8,114	8,135	6,345	6,784	5,911	6,036
Rented dwellings .....	3,947	5,184	4,828	5,657	5,599	4,293	4,291	4,093	3,754
Other lodging .....	1,497	2,076	1,561	2,071	1,907	1,490	2,143	1,488	1,935
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	404	436	420	386	630	562	351	330	347
Household operations .....	2,427	2,598	2,505	2,224	2,292	2,604	2,389	2,789	2,667
Housekeeping supplies .....	473	559	492	418	736	468	822	604	643
Household furnishings and equipment .....	480	592	404	478	572	476	398	423	444
Apparel and services .....	1,561	1,627	1,580	2,099	3,030	1,829	1,698	1,431	1,544
Transportation .....	1,685	2,007	1,652	1,372	1,927	1,993	1,831	2,196	1,659
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	6,330	5,859	7,069	6,176	9,129	6,658	6,481	6,693	6,686
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2,779	2,557	2,629	2,599	4,117	3,030	2,704	2,859	3,005
Other vehicle expenses .....	1,071	982	1,055	1,036	1,258	939	1,109	1,064	1,144
Public transportation .....	2,140	1,766	2,915	2,048	3,168	2,331	2,226	2,503	2,279
Health care .....	341	554	470	493	585	359	441	268	258
Entertainment .....	1,956	1,976	1,604	1,806	2,184	1,518	2,312	1,807	2,056
Personal care products and services .....	1,858	1,828	2,295	1,664	2,404	2,273	1,885	1,753	1,471
Reading .....	380	440	431	335	482	398	339	352	338
Education .....	170	157	168	199	219	212	179	161	152
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	555	811	305	364	766	795	410	581	576
Miscellaneous .....	309	239	352	424	276	330	394	260	253
Cash contributions .....	839	773	830	1,123	1,515	842	1,057	905	899
Personal insurance and pensions .....	1,039	872	872	914	1,323	837	1,262	2,092	1,431
Life and other personal insurance .....	3,209	3,173	2,903	3,673	6,075	3,524	3,135	3,464	3,326
Pensions and Social Security .....	379	356	298	394	381	372	439	369	420
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<sup>1</sup> Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary.