

Table 24. Selected western metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1997-98

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)	23,018	5,267	2,799	1,001	979	1,270	275	88	1,119	1,083
Consumer unit characteristics:										
Income before taxes ¹	\$44,199	\$50,234	\$55,636	\$46,915	\$45,806	\$48,569	\$53,461	\$60,323	\$44,205	\$49,680
Age of reference person	46.3	46.4	46.4	48.4	48.6	47.1	50.4	40.7	45.1	44.5
Average number in consumer unit:										
Persons	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.4
Children under 188	.8	.6	.6	.6	.6	.8	.9	.7	.6
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.1	.3	.2
Earners	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.5
Vehicles	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.6	1.7	2.1
Percent homeowner	58	53	56	50	58	65	56	55	57	66
Average annual expenditures	\$38,950	\$41,597	\$47,458	\$39,917	\$40,685	\$43,251	\$42,636	\$49,510	\$37,504	\$42,862
Food	5,136	5,060	6,377	4,979	5,648	5,461	6,206	6,469	4,744	5,119
Food at home	3,070	2,950	3,911	2,915	3,520	3,182	3,479	4,197	2,574	2,851
Cereals and bakery products	461	407	624	435	534	491	523	632	366	429
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	751	812	964	705	818	766	974	1,056	571	621
Dairy products	336	320	392	336	368	341	281	403	320	336
Fruits and vegetables	540	522	782	527	653	571	725	737	401	448
Other food at home	982	889	1,151	912	1,147	1,013	976	1,369	916	1,017
Food away from home	2,066	2,110	2,465	2,064	2,129	2,279	2,727	2,272	2,170	2,268
Alcoholic beverages	377	305	455	409	428	585	467	484	384	551
Housing	13,307	15,562	16,052	15,388	13,315	15,310	14,775	16,306	12,958	14,997
Shelter	8,145	10,078	10,467	10,037	8,074	9,637	10,233	9,805	7,477	8,733
Owned dwellings	4,906	5,750	5,851	5,846	5,235	6,665	6,290	5,458	4,426	6,027
Rented dwellings	2,702	3,659	3,983	3,528	2,458	2,294	3,602	3,748	2,406	2,171
Other lodging	537	669	633	663	381	678	341	599	645	536
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,199	2,321	2,276	1,990	2,044	2,272	2,011	2,557	2,577	2,128
Household operations	681	874	933	1,145	707	772	419	855	722	744
Housekeeping supplies	507	503	505	505	508	578	540	570	437	611
Household furnishings and equipment	1,775	1,786	1,871	1,711	1,982	2,051	1,571	2,519	1,745	2,781
Apparel and services	1,719	1,689	1,995	1,941	1,970	2,053	1,876	1,994	1,902	1,983
Transportation	7,076	7,696	7,754	6,713	7,266	7,880	6,845	9,617	7,236	7,846
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,836	2,870	2,799	2,394	3,559	3,306	2,394	4,152	3,277	2,781
Gasoline and motor oil	1,124	1,185	1,179	1,091	993	1,221	1,111	1,284	1,025	1,099
Other vehicle expenses	2,584	3,034	2,999	2,722	2,176	2,717	2,427	3,091	2,405	3,341
Public transportation	532	607	777	507	538	635	913	1,090	528	624
Health care	1,783	1,590	1,781	1,791	1,845	1,644	1,905	2,030	1,736	1,713
Entertainment	2,040	1,833	2,316	1,938	1,815	2,740	1,906	3,472	1,898	2,411
Personal care products and services	430	427	496	413	428	484	617	488	430	441
Reading	179	144	274	191	209	248	207	303	175	230
Education	635	591	802	643	782	554	1,141	595	534	478
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	209	155	181	146	325	278	222	437	206	238
Miscellaneous	1,013	1,092	1,111	764	983	1,106	962	1,301	857	1,225
Cash contributions	1,235	1,168	2,731	732	1,439	927	782	1,006	1,015	1,047
Personal insurance and pensions	3,808	4,283	5,132	3,869	4,232	3,983	4,724	5,008	3,432	4,583
Life and other personal insurance	326	308	319	347	460	341	777	581	284	395
Pensions and Social Security	3,482	3,975	4,813	3,522	3,772	3,642	3,947	4,426	3,147	4,188

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