

Table 24. Selected western metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1998-1999

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)	23,758	5,483	2,781	945	1,053	1,337	298	92	1,220	1,131
Consumer unit characteristics:										
Income before taxes ¹	\$45,736	\$51,552	\$59,224	\$49,988	\$47,414	\$52,304	\$53,537	\$59,391	\$44,090	\$52,948
Age of reference person	46.5	47.0	47.3	49.0	47.2	48.1	51.9	42.5	46.1	44.7
Average number in consumer unit:										
Persons	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.4
Children under 187	.8	.6	.6	.7	.6	.7	.8	.7	.6
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.4	.1	.3	.2
Earners	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.5
Vehicles	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.5	1.7	2.6	1.8	2.2
Percent homeowner	59	53	59	53	59	66	57	58	60	67
Average annual expenditures	\$40,647	\$43,192	\$51,015	\$44,179	\$43,331	\$44,065	\$42,474	\$50,955	\$40,167	\$44,413
Food	5,312	5,204	6,963	5,292	5,855	6,080	6,300	6,267	4,981	5,172
Food at home	3,132	3,013	4,214	2,849	3,557	3,486	3,423	3,922	2,670	2,793
Cereals and bakery products	466	435	660	444	539	545	501	524	371	432
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	761	815	1,047	671	770	805	935	977	607	593
Dairy products	341	319	409	304	397	362	298	408	334	318
Fruits and vegetables	562	563	794	530	670	641	690	699	454	439
Other food at home	1,001	881	1,304	901	1,182	1,133	999	1,313	904	1,012
Food away from home	2,180	2,192	2,749	2,443	2,298	2,594	2,877	2,345	2,311	2,378
Alcoholic beverages	372	297	516	462	430	541	406	508	437	490
Housing	13,756	15,934	18,058	16,266	13,847	14,905	14,676	17,375	12,891	15,417
Shelter	8,515	10,087	11,885	10,457	8,708	9,393	10,079	10,531	7,723	9,728
Owned dwellings	5,230	5,804	7,376	6,101	5,568	6,166	6,156	6,169	4,689	6,120
Rented dwellings	2,709	3,671	3,818	3,756	2,601	2,461	3,403	3,367	2,538	2,296
Other lodging	575	612	691	600	539	766	520	995	496	1,312
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,179	2,267	2,193	1,977	2,160	2,262	2,032	2,614	2,459	2,200
Household operations	781	1,256	1,128	989	675	666	514	958	669	860
Housekeeping supplies	513	469	620	514	506	693	554	700	479	482
Household furnishings and equipment	1,768	1,856	2,232	2,327	1,799	1,890	1,497	2,573	1,562	2,147
Apparel and services	1,863	2,158	2,444	2,018	1,687	1,932	1,995	1,957	2,057	1,958
Transportation	7,423	7,551	8,186	8,550	8,117	7,650	5,354	9,284	8,212	8,233
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,180	2,976	3,164	3,988	4,123	2,867	999	3,812	4,035	3,116
Gasoline and motor oil	1,129	1,157	1,232	1,177	1,103	1,216	1,060	1,300	1,016	1,107
Other vehicle expenses	2,585	2,860	2,954	2,748	2,373	2,843	2,262	3,191	2,697	3,380
Public transportation	530	558	836	637	519	725	1,033	981	464	631
Health care	1,869	1,757	1,792	1,850	1,837	1,931	2,188	2,324	2,007	1,915
Entertainment	2,139	1,905	2,395	2,684	2,283	3,060	2,083	3,562	2,036	2,570
Personal care products and services	449	472	558	544	424	522	638	524	455	419
Reading	181	144	257	191	198	256	193	312	182	234
Education	676	668	875	398	728	618	1,147	576	535	632
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	217	177	192	166	256	311	217	419	251	288
Miscellaneous	1,058	1,305	1,136	847	826	1,087	978	1,480	958	1,325
Cash contributions	1,342	1,352	2,056	842	2,036	873	1,410	1,225	1,538	969
Personal insurance and pensions	3,990	4,269	5,587	4,070	4,807	4,299	4,890	5,141	3,627	4,791
Life and other personal insurance	355	349	330	452	462	427	687	574	336	427
Pensions and Social Security	3,636	3,920	5,257	3,618	4,345	3,872	4,203	4,568	3,290	4,363

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