

Table 23. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1999-2000

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Tampa	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	38,030	1,890	1,007	1,734	1,504	1,125	1,966	1,733
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes ¹	\$41,196	\$69,331	\$50,813	\$53,936	\$46,034	\$45,116	\$56,046	\$54,733
Age of reference person	48.0	47.1	48.7	45.4	49.6	49.0	44.5	46.7
Average number in consumer unit:								
Persons	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.9
Children under 187	.6	.8	.7	.7	.6	.7	.9
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.2	.4	.3	.2	.3
Earners	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5
Vehicles	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.0
Percent homeowner	68	66	70	71	64	71	58	61
Average annual expenditures	\$34,102	\$47,894	\$41,725	\$37,624	\$39,773	\$35,404	\$46,600	\$46,299
Food	4,670	5,705	5,531	4,689	5,560	4,589	6,865	6,080
Food at home	2,776	3,013	3,175	2,629	3,425	2,628	3,888	3,174
Cereals and bakery products	419	472	478	387	501	370	539	473
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	759	705	869	779	1,089	727	1,084	813
Dairy products	288	303	328	265	384	264	376	336
Fruits and vegetables	460	609	537	433	610	510	658	559
Other food at home	850	925	963	766	841	757	1,231	992
Food away from home	1,894	2,692	2,356	2,060	2,134	1,961	2,977	2,906
Alcoholic beverages	280	470	334	322	427	326	326	609
Housing	10,598	16,978	13,779	13,663	14,535	11,258	14,339	13,870
Shelter	5,691	10,698	8,323	8,254	8,787	6,281	8,087	7,337
Owned dwellings	3,673	6,779	6,133	5,722	5,817	4,042	4,873	4,397
Rented dwellings	1,644	2,918	1,558	2,143	2,654	1,761	2,855	2,446
Other lodging	374	1,001	632	390	315	478	359	494
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,521	2,639	2,483	3,055	2,768	2,576	3,041	2,929
Household operations	601	969	610	803	1,009	714	962	1,005
Housekeeping supplies	449	516	699	364	454	436	559	597
Household furnishings and equipment	1,337	2,157	1,664	1,188	1,516	1,250	1,690	2,002
Apparel and services	1,617	2,059	1,894	1,873	1,950	1,101	2,429	2,376
Transportation	7,038	7,813	7,185	7,056	7,463	7,752	8,948	9,722
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,516	3,222	3,214	3,194	3,023	4,130	4,441	4,813
Gasoline and motor oil	1,180	1,195	1,172	1,128	1,250	1,102	1,469	1,442
Other vehicle expenses	2,058	2,526	2,285	2,426	2,756	2,140	2,624	2,988
Public transportation	284	871	513	309	433	379	415	478
Health care	2,052	2,222	1,843	1,910	1,746	2,388	1,963	2,195
Entertainment	1,604	2,535	2,013	1,551	1,483	1,568	2,180	2,225
Personal care products and services	538	677	632	579	676	432	639	858
Reading	115	242	135	140	73	102	164	131
Education	465	724	798	342	505	427	617	460
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	318	216	324	241	203	359	276	307
Miscellaneous	753	931	2,000	812	804	598	652	1,001
Cash contributions	1,042	1,707	1,084	1,164	1,035	1,209	1,868	1,442
Personal insurance and pensions	3,012	5,614	4,173	3,281	3,314	3,294	5,333	5,023
Life and other personal insurance	409	716	444	423	308	643	475	459
Pensions and Social Security	2,603	4,898	3,730	2,858	3,006	2,651	4,858	4,564

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