

Table 23. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2000-2001

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Tampa	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	38,711	1,864	1,017	1,728	1,576	1,145	2,008	1,750
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes ¹	\$43,158	\$68,463	\$52,977	\$57,925	\$44,388	\$51,163	\$58,302	\$54,699
Age of reference person	48.1	48.1	48.4	44.3	49.4	48.8	44.1	46.9
Average number in consumer unit:								
Persons	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.9
Children under 187	.6	.7	.8	.7	.7	.7	.9
Persons 65 and over3	.3	.3	.2	.4	.3	.2	.3
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.5
Vehicles	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.9	2.0	1.9
Percent homeowner	68	70	68	69	63	72	60	61
Average annual expenditures	\$35,506	\$48,192	\$37,975	\$38,034	\$40,760	\$37,705	\$50,135	\$47,547
Food	4,941	5,545	5,309	4,777	5,837	3,960	7,332	6,353
Food at home	2,904	2,876	3,034	2,584	3,317	2,349	4,092	3,261
Cereals and bakery products	427	456	465	360	456	316	582	481
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	813	665	891	770	1,026	685	1,182	861
Dairy products	293	308	301	255	369	234	386	346
Fruits and vegetables	476	557	499	431	628	451	691	539
Other food at home	895	890	879	769	837	664	1,251	1,035
Food away from home	2,037	2,669	2,274	2,193	2,520	1,611	3,239	3,092
Alcoholic beverages	301	434	282	351	439	308	354	628
Housing	11,118	17,973	13,077	14,223	14,979	11,958	15,519	14,591
Shelter	5,971	11,245	7,911	8,517	9,155	6,889	8,661	7,583
Owned dwellings	3,899	7,607	5,484	5,946	5,936	4,769	5,336	4,576
Rented dwellings	1,699	2,590	1,898	2,165	2,957	1,759	2,949	2,529
Other lodging	373	1,047	529	406	262	360	377	479
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,721	2,864	2,665	3,328	2,947	2,759	3,272	3,242
Household operations	632	1,104	697	859	1,049	795	1,076	1,176
Housekeeping supplies	468	497	465	342	621	360	603	625
Household furnishings and equipment	1,326	2,263	1,339	1,178	1,208	1,156	1,905	1,964
Apparel and services	1,609	1,998	1,756	1,643	1,808	1,034	2,596	2,412
Transportation	7,331	7,647	6,405	6,577	7,469	9,292	10,516	9,566
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,691	3,036	2,639	2,723	3,133	5,487	5,623	4,534
Gasoline and motor oil	1,267	1,301	1,268	1,258	1,286	1,220	1,575	1,574
Other vehicle expenses	2,092	2,449	2,090	2,316	2,666	2,305	2,896	2,981
Public transportation	282	861	407	280	385	280	423	476
Health care	2,171	2,285	1,885	1,943	1,885	2,255	2,062	2,455
Entertainment	1,634	3,033	1,871	1,429	1,455	1,534	2,224	2,426
Personal care products and services	508	632	551	438	652	423	675	820
Reading	107	205	125	106	68	90	154	133
Education	480	599	639	285	783	398	572	414
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	325	201	356	242	268	381	269	318
Miscellaneous	666	917	733	1,107	908	635	638	966
Cash contributions	1,082	1,419	1,042	1,117	1,078	1,188	1,430	1,565
Personal insurance and pensions	3,233	5,304	3,943	3,796	3,131	4,249	5,793	4,900
Life and other personal insurance	413	541	431	415	272	659	442	433
Pensions and Social Security	2,820	4,762	3,511	3,381	2,858	3,590	5,351	4,467

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