

Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2002-2003

Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	18,437	2,237	1,661	1,472	2,611	2,753	7,702
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes ¹	\$23,352	\$9,773	\$30,892	\$37,003	\$35,390	\$28,328	\$17,131
Income after taxes ¹	22,204	9,488	28,906	33,694	32,945	26,993	16,830
Age of reference person	56.4	20.6	29.2	39.8	49.9	59.4	77.0
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Children under 18	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Persons 65 and over .....	.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.0
Earners .....	.5	.9	.9	.9	.8	.7	.2
Vehicles .....	.9	.6	.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	.8
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Female	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner	55	5	30	49	56	71	70
With mortgage	20	2	23	36	40	36	10
Without mortgage	35	3	7	13	17	35	60
Renter	45	95	70	51	44	29	30
Race of reference person:							
Black or African American	11	7	14	15	16	13	9
White, Asian, and All Other Races	89	93	86	85	84	87	91
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	8	(²)	2	2	2	5	16
High school (9-12)	37	17	17	26	33	39	49
College	55	83	82	72	65	55	34
Never attended and other	(²)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(²)	1	(²)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	72	56	82	79	80	80	68
Average annual expenditures	\$22,321	\$15,095	\$26,340	\$28,486	\$27,887	\$26,354	\$18,999
Food	2,585	1,994	3,174	2,825	2,935	2,924	2,324
Food at home	1,590	804	1,595	1,388	1,796	1,848	1,706
Cereals and bakery products	234	130	238	183	228	249	272
Cereals and cereal products	74	49	89	60	67	76	83
Bakery products	159	80	149	123	161	172	189
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	350	130	327	313	397	429	387
Beef	86	34	76	81	113	95	92
Pork	73	23	55	65	70	86	92
Other meats	45	18	35	44	49	54	51
Poultry	65	33	70	51	67	73	72
Fish and seafood	61	15	71	51	76	100	57
Eggs	20	7	20	21	22	21	24
Dairy products	173	95	167	152	191	194	188
Fresh milk and cream	65	37	53	50	62	75	78
Other dairy products	107	58	114	102	129	120	110
Fruits and vegetables	311	143	297	251	314	392	348
Fresh fruits	101	47	94	96	105	122	113
Fresh vegetables	101	39	91	81	104	140	112
Processed fruits	63	37	66	40	59	79	70
Processed vegetables	46	20	46	34	47	50	54

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Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Other food at home	\$522	\$307	\$566	\$489	\$666	\$584	\$511
Sugar and other sweets	71	39	56	60	80	89	77
Fats and oils	46	18	40	42	52	48	53
Miscellaneous foods	259	162	295	237	359	263	246
Nonalcoholic beverages	130	74	154	127	153	159	122
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	17	15	22	22	22	24	12
Food away from home	995	1,190	1,579	1,437	1,138	1,076	618
Alcoholic beverages	175	259	391	316	167	146	80
Housing	8,540	4,786	10,233	11,517	10,719	9,460	7,635
Shelter	5,217	3,483	7,051	7,742	6,723	5,505	4,228
Owned dwellings	2,629	231	2,420	4,016	3,774	3,769	2,311
Mortgage interest and charges	1,082	107	1,642	2,565	2,190	1,692	367
Property taxes	824	98	440	811	918	1,090	992
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	724	26	337	640	666	987	951
Rented dwellings	2,338	2,819	4,401	3,523	2,608	1,452	1,751
Other lodging	250	432	230	203	341	284	166
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,812	704	1,724	1,900	2,129	2,209	1,886
Natural gas	264	53	217	251	306	313	307
Electricity	635	215	507	602	761	792	691
Fuel oil and other fuels	68	4	418	426	33	89	109
Telephone services	634	405	861	823	780	737	530
Water and other public services	211	27	122	198	249	279	249
Household operations	412	65	231	246	320	395	621
Personal services	119	(²)	43	41	42	417	278
Other household expenses	293	65	228	245	318	378	343
Housekeeping supplies	323	107	266	381	351	428	346
Laundry and cleaning supplies	74	23	68	73	85	104	77
Other household products	137	45	86	132	166	176	155
Postage and stationery	112	39	112	176	100	149	114
Household furnishings and equipment	777	427	960	1,248	1,196	923	553
Household textiles	82	33	105	109	77	108	78
Furniture	173	103	329	311	270	199	92
Floor coverings	27	6	15	60	28	13	34
Major appliances	95	21	62	150	110	127	96
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	59	40	75	123	62	70	42
Miscellaneous household equipment	341	225	374	495	649	405	211
Apparel and services	1,002	1,051	1,327	1,239	1,305	1,164	693
Men and boys	51	68	76	68	38	40	45
Men, 16 and over	34	59	65	45	18	22	26
Boys, 2 to 15	17	48	11	24	19	18	19
Women and girls	620	748	736	755	739	719	445
Women, 16 and over	602	745	731	741	719	675	429
Girls, 2 to 15	18	43	46	14	20	44	16
Children under 2	23	7	36	11	43	44	12
Footwear	175	135	262	180	269	234	108
Other apparel products and services	134	94	217	225	216	128	84
Transportation	3,264	2,662	4,195	4,663	4,457	4,218	2,225
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	1,380	1,286	1,581	1,917	1,943	1,900	884
Cars and trucks, new	834	564	954	4826	1,215	1,075	672
Cars and trucks, used	546	722	627	1,091	727	825	212
Other vehicles	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)
Gasoline and motor oil	531	562	722	700	684	629	362

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Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2002-2003 — Continued

Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Other vehicle expenses	\$1,099	\$598	\$1,546	\$1,659	\$1,571	\$1,373	\$783
Vehicle finance charges	116	85	261	274	187	118	39
Maintenance and repairs	337	186	393	501	441	472	254
Vehicle insurance	438	188	566	577	562	530	380
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	208	139	326	308	380	253	110
Public transportation	254	215	346	387	260	315	197
Health care	1,815	309	871	1,178	1,497	1,882	2,665
Health insurance	905	113	409	583	606	844	1,426
Medical services	350	90	238	324	470	415	390
Drugs	476	84	158	216	350	531	735
Medical supplies	85	22	65	56	71	92	114
Entertainment	934	654	1,196	1,390	1,220	1,186	684
Fees and admissions	228	236	354	367	245	260	154
Television, radios, sound equipment	405	245	496	522	512	474	349
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	223	73	239	359	372	341	146
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	78	99	107	141	91	111	36
Personal care products and services	409	294	507	526	454	432	370
Reading	107	52	109	118	109	123	113
Education	403	2,006	631	227	319	118	52
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	146	129	121	231	232	225	82
Miscellaneous	475	240	548	532	577	671	412
Cash contributions	845	132	421	601	788	1,001	1,153
Personal insurance and pensions	1,622	528	2,616	3,124	3,110	2,804	511
Life and other personal insurance	177	23	78	146	197	280	206
Pensions and Social Security	1,445	505	2,538	2,978	2,913	2,524	306
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹							
Money income before taxes	23,352	9,773	30,892	37,003	35,390	28,328	17,131
Wages and salaries	14,049	7,458	28,847	32,840	30,023	19,203	1,985
Self-employment income	859	⁴ 33	742	1,645	1,075	1,913	508
Social Security, private and government retirement	6,312	⁴ 152	327	795	1,284	4,324	12,747
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	952	70	192	328	887	1,031	1,471
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	129	⁴ 6	91	268	260	265	52
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	263	⁴ 54	189	306	452	401	216
Regular contributions for support	567	1,041	160	651	1,334	1,135	46
Other income	221	960	345	170	75	57	106
Personal taxes	1,148	286	1,986	3,309	2,445	1,336	301
Federal income taxes	812	208	1,510	2,590	1,776	929	132
State and local income taxes	225	70	439	626	546	245	33
Other taxes	111	8	37	93	124	161	135
Income after taxes	22,204	9,488	28,906	33,694	32,945	26,993	16,830

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Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Addenda:							
Net change in total assets and liabilities	-\$4,127	-\$458	-\$5,155	-\$9,380	-\$9,778	-\$6,823	-\$1,088
Net change in total assets	1,924	423	4,420	9,352	5,537	1,158	-550
Net change in total liabilities	6,051	881	9,575	18,731	15,316	7,981	538
Other financial information:							
Other money receipts	373	52	392	586	250	1,216	163
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-533	-33	-464	-830	-1,087	-1,074	-255
Estimated market value of owned home	77,604	6,833	39,895	74,986	83,105	108,931	93,736
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home ..	514	54	311	527	570	678	612
Gifts of goods and services	680	354	471	753	1,188	858	570
Food	38	20	35	31	83	53	24
Alcoholic beverages	9	4 ⁹	4 ¹¹	16	12	15	4
Housing	166	67	97	194	316	246	126
Housekeeping supplies	34	16	31	57	47	51	25
Household textiles	10	4 ¹	4 ¹¹	4 ¹²	16	14	9
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares	16	4 ¹³	4 ³	4 ¹⁴	18	35	12
Major appliances	2	4 ²	(²)	4 ³	4 ¹	4 ⁶	4 ¹
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	14	4 ¹¹	4 ²	4 ¹¹	4 ¹⁷	29	11
Miscellaneous household equipment	43	20	38	57	80	61	28
Other housing	64	17	15	54	154	85	51
Apparel and services	183	143	194	196	218	250	153
Males, 2 and over	50	68	72	68	38	39	44
Females, 2 and over	78	38	56	95	83	140	69
Children under 2	23	7	35	11	43	44	12
Other apparel products and services	32	30	31	22	55	27	29
Jewelry and watches	11	9	15	15	15	15	8
All other apparel products and services	21	4 ²¹	4 ¹⁶	4 ⁷	39	12	21
Transportation	45	19	9	108	118	24	31
Health care	41	4 ²	4 ⁹	4 ³⁰	32	4 ²⁰	73
Entertainment	49	22	38	92	77	65	37
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	23	9	20	33	29	35	20
Other entertainment	26	13	18	59	48	30	18
Personal care products and services	16	17	15	25	23	11	14
Reading	2	(²)	1	(²)	2	3	3
Education	70	43	4 ¹³	4 ²¹	254	77	35
All other gifts	60	12	49	40	53	94	70

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

² Value less than 0.5.

³ No data reported.

⁴ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.
n.a. Not applicable.