

**Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2003-2004**

Item	All single females	Under 25 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years and older
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	18,581	2,261	1,555	1,496	2,642	2,869	7,758
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	\$24,256	\$9,906	\$31,584	\$39,046	\$35,601	\$30,476	\$17,959
Income after taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	23,107	9,667	29,768	36,224	33,038	28,861	17,653
Age of reference person .....	56.8	20.8	29.0	40.0	49.9	59.4	77.5
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	1.0	.8
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Female .....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner .....	55	5	25	50	58	69	70
With mortgage .....	21	2	20	42	40	34	11
Without mortgage .....	34	4	5	8	18	35	59
Renter .....	45	95	75	50	42	31	30
Race of reference person:							
Black or African-American .....	12	8	15	15	18	14	10
White, Asian, and All Other Races .....	88	92	85	85	82	86	90
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8) .....	8	( <sup>2</sup> )	1	2	2	7	15
High school (9-12) .....	35	14	13	22	29	36	50
College .....	56	86	86	76	69	56	34
Never attended and other .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	1	( <sup>2</sup> )
At least one vehicle owned or leased .....	72	53	82	80	83	79	67
Average annual expenditures .....	\$23,117	\$14,841	\$27,231	\$30,164	\$29,216	\$27,214	\$19,717
Food .....	2,709	2,095	2,952	3,209	3,382	3,057	2,375
Food at home .....	1,670	908	1,429	1,638	2,080	1,919	1,734
Cereals and bakery products .....	239	137	191	199	253	269	274
Cereals and cereal products .....	74	45	69	61	80	81	83
Bakery products .....	164	92	123	138	173	188	190
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	382	162	286	359	538	446	399
Beef .....	97	39	62	92	152	113	100
Pork .....	82	29	49	70	101	94	98
Other meats .....	46	19	36	55	66	50	47
Poultry .....	71	41	63	63	87	93	69
Fish and seafood .....	62	23	57	58	103	70	60
Eggs .....	23	11	19	20	29	27	25
Dairy products .....	183	107	156	188	205	206	194
Fresh milk and cream .....	68	38	53	61	72	75	78
Other dairy products .....	115	69	103	127	133	131	116
Fruits and vegetables .....	312	145	251	273	359	374	348
Fresh fruits .....	103	48	84	91	113	122	117
Fresh vegetables .....	102	42	82	95	116	130	111
Processed fruits .....	61	32	52	48	72	69	68
Processed vegetables .....	46	22	33	38	57	53	51

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Item	All single females	Under 25 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years and older
Other food at home .....	\$555	\$357	\$544	\$620	\$726	\$624	\$519
Sugar and other sweets .....	71	41	48	81	91	85	71
Fats and oils .....	49	17	39	52	60	57	52
Miscellaneous foods .....	278	207	274	315	364	290	258
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	141	75	160	149	191	166	128
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	17	16	23	23	20	26	10
Food away from home .....	1,039	1,187	1,523	1,570	1,302	1,138	641
Alcoholic beverages .....	198	319	388	391	202	175	82
Housing .....	9,051	4,675	10,790	12,208	11,206	10,167	8,227
Shelter .....	5,489	3,327	7,583	8,311	6,715	5,969	4,560
Owned dwellings .....	2,815	189	2,212	4,612	3,845	4,076	2,537
Mortgage interest and charges .....	1,119	<sup>4</sup> 87	1,504	3,015	2,094	1,741	416
Property taxes .....	874	85	383	917	1,013	1,181	1,034
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses .....	821	416	326	680	738	1,155	1,087
Rented dwellings .....	2,458	2,833	5,161	3,473	2,604	1,582	1,885
Other lodging .....	216	306	210	226	267	310	138
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	1,872	664	1,723	2,042	2,207	2,299	1,948
Natural gas .....	285	45	213	309	308	348	334
Electricity .....	661	216	550	670	789	823	707
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	85	<sup>4</sup> 4	<sup>4</sup> 14	<sup>4</sup> 38	68	102	131
Telephone services .....	634	373	819	827	799	759	532
Water and other public services .....	207	26	127	199	242	266	244
Household operations .....	490	65	249	317	342	406	777
Personal services .....	169	<sup>4</sup> 3	<sup>4</sup> 11	<sup>4</sup> 11	<sup>4</sup> 1	<sup>4</sup> 12	396
Other household expenses .....	321	62	239	306	341	394	381
Housekeeping supplies .....	351	135	275	398	492	427	349
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	79	32	69	81	119	98	74
Other household products .....	154	57	104	147	236	178	160
Postage and stationery .....	118	47	101	170	136	151	115
Household furnishings and equipment .....	849	484	960	1,140	1,450	1,066	593
Household textiles .....	94	36	70	99	126	150	83
Furniture .....	181	111	312	287	243	254	105
Floor coverings .....	27	5	14	54	28	29	30
Major appliances .....	99	34	97	74	126	138	101
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	64	47	54	78	84	64	62
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	385	251	413	548	842	431	212
Apparel and services .....	997	871	1,299	1,382	1,426	1,294	626
Men and boys .....	53	44	22	76	77	78	41
Men, 16 and over .....	37	41	<sup>4</sup> 14	60	55	45	27
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	16	<sup>4</sup> 3	8	17	22	32	14
Women and girls .....	608	568	728	832	892	720	406
Women, 16 and over .....	591	565	717	818	874	687	388
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	17	<sup>4</sup> 3	<sup>4</sup> 11	13	19	32	18
Children under 2 .....	21	11	32	13	31	48	9
Footwear .....	189	155	292	256	261	290	98
Other apparel products and services .....	125	93	226	205	164	159	73
Transportation .....	3,292	2,517	4,577	4,388	4,541	4,247	2,270
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	1,350	1,156	1,816	1,365	1,842	1,891	943
Cars and trucks, new .....	811	615	<sup>4</sup> 863	753	981	1,060	719
Cars and trucks, used .....	536	540	953	612	861	810	224
Other vehicles .....	<sup>4</sup> 3	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	<sup>4</sup> 20	( <sup>3</sup> )
Gasoline and motor oil .....	603	628	842	840	801	739	385

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Item	All single females	Under 25 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years and older
Other vehicle expenses .....	\$1,086	\$552	\$1,530	\$1,756	\$1,616	\$1,321	\$756
Vehicle finance charges .....	117	63	242	291	194	117	48
Maintenance and repairs .....	301	156	425	452	374	408	226
Vehicle insurance .....	472	186	610	644	686	542	396
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges .....	195	146	253	369	362	253	86
Public transportation .....	253	182	390	426	282	296	186
Health care .....	1,866	291	839	1,296	1,506	1,924	2,745
Health insurance .....	944	109	382	639	611	878	1,497
Medical services .....	366	71	226	359	461	454	416
Drugs .....	477	81	169	239	368	500	731
Medical supplies .....	79	30	63	58	66	92	102
Entertainment .....	928	647	1,235	1,283	1,204	1,209	681
Fees and admissions .....	214	223	337	308	260	266	134
Television, radios, sound equipment .....	430	246	533	542	525	530	371
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment .....	219	105	271	341	344	310	141
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	65	73	94	92	76	103	34
Personal care products and services .....	437	310	578	574	488	515	367
Reading .....	102	44	101	110	100	132	106
Education .....	429	2,125	780	216	262	141	69
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	129	97	104	226	206	193	76
Miscellaneous .....	400	106	456	582	465	523	372
Cash contributions .....	863	147	329	793	831	882	1,195
Personal insurance and pensions .....	1,717	597	2,803	3,506	3,397	2,753	527
Life and other personal insurance .....	166	<sup>4</sup> 18	58	139	222	232	193
Pensions and Social Security .....	1,551	579	2,745	3,367	3,175	2,521	334
Sources of income and personal taxes: <sup>1</sup>							
Money income before taxes .....	24,256	9,906	31,584	39,046	35,601	30,476	17,959
Wages and salaries .....	14,663	7,688	29,445	34,714	31,067	21,159	1,914
Self-employment income .....	917	<sup>4</sup> 28	698	2,153	562	1,970	703
Social Security, private and government retirement .....	6,446	<sup>4</sup> 109	<sup>4</sup> 149	476	1,286	4,813	13,045
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income .....	1,268	77	182	808	1,530	1,047	1,916
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	109	4	<sup>4</sup> 139	<sup>4</sup> 153	216	266	<sup>4</sup> 32
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	223	<sup>4</sup> 30	167	234	419	405	155
Regular contributions for support .....	402	1,196	488	319	397	716	55
Other income .....	227	774	315	188	124	100	139
Personal taxes .....	1,149	240	1,816	2,822	2,563	1,615	307
Federal income taxes .....	808	177	1,351	2,226	1,792	1,137	154
State and local income taxes .....	219	61	403	515	583	288	23
Other taxes .....	122	<sup>4</sup> 2	62	81	189	189	130
Income after taxes .....	23,107	9,667	29,768	36,224	33,038	28,861	17,653

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Item	All single females	Under 25 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65 years and older
Addenda:							
Net change in total assets and liabilities .....	-\$3,781	-\$1,712	-\$2,325	-\$3,805	-\$9,731	-\$7,850	-\$1,140
Net change in total assets .....	2,738	639	10,042	6,917	4,539	3,660	126
Net change in total liabilities .....	6,519	2,352	12,367	10,723	14,270	11,510	1,265
Other financial information:							
Other money receipts .....	457	69	405	198	532	1,456	234
Mortgage principal paid on owned property .....	-588	<sup>4</sup> 28	-394	-1,220	-1,181	-1,130	-267
Estimated market value of owned home .....	80,346	6,027	36,795	86,493	87,692	108,594	96,609
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home .....	518	46	263	563	584	718	603
Gifts of goods and services .....	714	312	403	735	1,132	861	692
Food .....	27	17	20	33	64	29	17
Alcoholic beverages .....	11	<sup>4</sup> 6	19	30	12	16	6
Housing .....	194	76	100	176	270	220	216
Housekeeping supplies .....	37	18	28	51	67	47	29
Household textiles .....	11	<sup>4</sup> 2	<sup>4</sup> 12	<sup>4</sup> 8	9	15	14
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	17	<sup>4</sup> 17	<sup>4</sup> 15	<sup>4</sup> 14	16	18	18
Major appliances .....	6	<sup>4</sup> 1	<sup>4</sup> 2	<sup>4</sup> 1	<sup>4</sup> 1	5	10
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	11	<sup>4</sup> 16	<sup>4</sup> 14	<sup>4</sup> 13	14	13	8
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	45	19	21	68	88	61	32
Other housing .....	84	21	<sup>4</sup> 23	<sup>4</sup> 34	91	79	124
Apparel and services .....	181	138	126	219	285	284	124
Males, 2 and over .....	53	44	22	73	77	77	40
Females, 2 and over .....	73	54	34	97	111	109	56
Children under 2 .....	20	10	32	12	31	48	9
Other apparel products and services .....	35	29	38	36	66	50	19
Jewelry and watches .....	10	8	<sup>4</sup> 17	12	12	14	8
All other apparel products and services .....	24	<sup>4</sup> 21	<sup>4</sup> 21	<sup>4</sup> 25	54	36	11
Transportation .....	42	5	<sup>4</sup> 11	36	123	36	34
Health care .....	53	<sup>4</sup> 1	<sup>4</sup> 7	<sup>4</sup> 44	35	18	98
Entertainment .....	53	22	42	51	81	83	44
Toys, games, arts and crafts, and tricycles .....	25	9	22	27	29	41	22
Other entertainment .....	28	13	20	24	51	42	22
Personal care products and services .....	20	17	27	57	17	15	15
Reading .....	2	( <sup>2</sup> )	<sup>4</sup> 2	( <sup>2</sup> )	2	3	3
Education .....	64	<sup>4</sup> 16	<sup>4</sup> 5	45	166	81	53
All other gifts .....	66	14	45	44	78	77	82

<sup>1</sup> Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only through 2003; (see glossary). Beginning in 2004 income imputation was implemented. As a result, all consumer units are considered to be complete income reporters.

<sup>2</sup> Value less than 0.5.

<sup>3</sup> No data reported.

<sup>4</sup> Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

n.a. Not applicable.