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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	61,244	26,919	29,804	5,343	15,479	8,982	4,521	6,977	52,550
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes	\$85,829	\$75,312	\$94,697	\$81,190	\$97,616	\$97,702	\$89,986	\$37,100	\$41,125
Income after taxes	83,274	72,457	92,159	79,792	94,644	95,233	89,100	37,645	39,920
Age of reference person	49.4	57.6	42.2	32.1	40.1	51.7	48.7	38.8	50.0
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons	3.2	2.0	4.0	3.5	4.2	3.9	4.9	2.9	1.6
Children under 189	n.a.	1.6	1.5	2.2	.6	1.4	1.8	.2
Persons 65 and older4	.7	.1	(¹)	(¹)	.2	.5	(¹)	.3
Earners	1.7	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.8	2.5	2.3	1.0	1.0
Vehicles	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.5	3.2	2.8	1.1	1.3
Percent distribution:									
Sex of reference person:									
Male	53	58	50	50	48	52	44	15	44
Female	47	42	50	50	52	48	56	85	56
Housing tenure:									
Homeowner	83	86	81	67	82	88	78	40	51
With mortgage	57	45	67	61	71	63	55	33	27
Without mortgage	26	41	14	6	11	25	23	8	24
Renter	17	14	19	33	18	12	22	60	49
Race of reference person:									
Black or African-American	8	6	8	7	8	10	12	31	15
White, Asian, and all other races	92	94	92	93	92	90	88	69	85
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:									
Hispanic or Latino	12	6	16	16	17	14	25	16	10
Not Hispanic or Latino	88	94	84	84	83	86	75	84	90
Education of reference person:									
Elementary (1-8)	4	4	3	3	3	5	8	4	5
High school (9-12)	33	32	31	24	30	37	46	39	37
College	63	63	65	73	67	58	45	57	57
Never attended and other	(²)	(²)	(²)	(³)	(²)	(²)	1	(²)	(²)
At least one vehicle owned or leased	97	97	97	96	98	97	97	79	80
Average annual expenditures	\$65,016	\$58,164	\$71,308	\$63,194	\$72,724	\$73,809	\$64,445	\$37,129	\$35,278
Food	8,255	6,772	9,478	7,512	9,856	10,043	9,105	5,162	4,480
Food at home	4,806	3,913	5,478	4,488	5,664	5,777	5,752	3,210	2,567
Cereals and bakery products	660	516	770	576	814	813	812	448	334
Cereals and cereal products	219	162	263	214	275	273	271	176	111
Bakery products	442	354	506	362	539	540	541	273	223
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1,072	871	1,201	826	1,246	1,358	1,432	762	592
Beef	308	241	354	238	358	421	403	216	161
Pork	205	175	217	157	227	238	309	150	115
Other meats	139	117	156	96	164	181	154	91	71
Poultry	198	154	229	163	241	250	261	170	112
Fish and seafood	158	132	174	119	183	193	216	90	97
Eggs	63	52	71	53	74	77	88	46	37
Dairy products	559	455	644	560	674	642	628	360	286
Fresh milk and cream	215	160	259	238	273	246	251	155	115
Other dairy products	345	295	385	322	401	397	377	205	171
Fruits and vegetables	858	732	950	858	955	997	1,020	458	446
Fresh fruits	295	248	333	316	338	335	328	137	147
Fresh vegetables	279	257	290	259	290	309	338	137	143
Processed fruits	147	113	174	166	170	187	174	95	83
Processed vegetables	137	113	152	117	157	166	180	89	74

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Other food at home	\$1,656	\$1,339	\$1,914	\$1,667	\$1,974	\$1,966	\$1,860	\$1,181	\$909
Sugar and other sweets	167	142	188	129	203	198	186	102	88
Fats and oils	133	115	144	107	146	164	159	92	73
Miscellaneous foods	858	668	1,017	1,034	1,039	966	947	632	477
Nonalcoholic beverages	429	337	498	347	513	568	521	328	243
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	70	76	67	50	72	70	47	27	28
Food away from home	3,449	2,859	4,000	3,024	4,192	4,267	3,352	1,953	1,913
Alcoholic beverages	500	550	465	424	444	528	428	193	411
Housing	20,974	18,256	23,369	24,705	24,087	21,345	21,385	14,892	12,891
Shelter	12,097	10,485	13,549	13,901	14,462	11,767	12,120	8,936	8,118
Owned dwellings	9,329	7,811	10,744	10,187	11,749	9,345	9,037	4,347	4,087
Mortgage interest and charges	5,403	3,727	6,865	7,283	7,772	5,054	5,733	2,824	2,123
Property taxes	2,412	2,350	2,522	2,030	2,631	2,624	2,063	1,034	1,092
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	1,514	1,733	1,357	873	1,345	1,666	1,242	490	873
Rented dwellings	1,752	1,417	1,952	3,271	1,880	1,292	2,429	4,288	3,650
Other lodging	1,016	1,257	853	443	833	1,130	653	301	381
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,465	4,025	4,754	3,869	4,818	5,172	5,172	3,313	2,744
Natural gas	657	598	705	555	718	771	695	421	399
Electricity	1,648	1,469	1,751	1,388	1,805	1,874	2,033	1,303	1,017
Fuel oil and other fuels	241	299	195	201	193	195	196	106	146
Telephone services	1,351	1,145	1,500	1,246	1,481	1,682	1,590	1,122	867
Water and other public services	568	513	604	478	620	650	658	360	315
Household operations	1,310	871	1,720	3,398	1,648	846	1,213	1,095	621
Personal services	540	79	955	2,719	852	84	543	678	162
Other household expenses	770	792	765	678	796	762	671	417	459
Housekeeping supplies	881	782	965	971	883	1,108	920	520	405
Laundry and cleaning supplies	190	150	219	170	229	233	239	154	97
Other household products	496	419	568	623	481	689	485	229	194
Postage and stationery	195	213	178	179	173	186	196	137	113
Household furnishings and equipment	2,222	2,092	2,380	2,567	2,276	2,452	1,960	1,028	1,003
Household textiles	172	181	160	128	175	154	198	106	76
Furniture	518	441	592	747	596	493	482	274	251
Floor coverings	65	70	68	81	64	68	16	29	23
Major appliances	289	271	309	326	298	319	259	132	115
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	149	165	141	150	112	187	105	43	79
Miscellaneous household equipment	1,030	964	1,109	1,135	1,031	1,231	899	443	459
Apparel and services	2,280	1,696	2,838	2,472	2,973	2,834	2,088	1,855	1,232
Men and boys	581	426	741	518	832	721	447	339	258
Men, 16 and over	466	404	543	396	539	643	332	106	231
Boys, 2 to 15	114	22	198	121	293	78	115	233	26
Women and girls	887	677	1,084	755	1,134	1,207	845	784	511
Women, 16 and over	716	632	799	579	733	1,057	665	512	468
Girls, 2 to 15	171	45	285	176	401	150	179	272	43
Children under 2	131	47	195	608	121	67	212	149	41
Footwear	386	273	501	352	572	470	309	409	218
Other apparel products and services	295	273	317	239	314	369	276	174	204
Transportation	11,450	10,202	12,436	10,500	12,046	14,294	12,378	5,912	5,637
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,723	3,272	4,056	3,655	3,954	4,470	4,218	1,883	1,742
Cars and trucks, new	1,849	1,755	1,860	2,004	1,842	1,804	2,330	643	759
Cars and trucks, used	1,687	1,376	1,973	1,517	1,816	2,516	1,659	1,207	896
Other vehicles	187	141	223	4135	296	4149	4229	432	86
Gasoline and motor oil	3,563	3,005	3,983	3,299	3,994	4,373	4,113	2,085	1,810

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Other vehicle expenses	\$3,474	\$3,185	\$3,738	\$3,075	\$3,459	\$4,647	\$3,454	\$1,661	\$1,748
Vehicle finance charges	431	332	506	493	517	496	521	238	184
Maintenance and repairs	936	891	965	721	935	1,163	1,014	507	520
Vehicle insurance	1,476	1,391	1,559	1,199	1,261	2,320	1,441	556	758
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges	631	572	707	663	746	667	478	360	285
Public transportation	690	740	659	471	640	804	593	283	338
Healthcare	3,984	4,725	3,407	2,593	3,366	3,964	3,374	1,530	1,992
Health insurance	2,185	2,641	1,824	1,512	1,766	2,109	1,850	798	1,147
Medical services	1,007	1,091	972	688	1,034	1,034	739	441	438
Drugs	641	831	467	304	417	652	651	215	332
Medical supplies	151	162	144	88	149	169	135	76	75
Entertainment	3,798	3,621	4,124	3,461	4,597	3,705	2,702	1,832	1,840
Fees and admissions	876	694	1,093	676	1,313	963	532	447	334
Audio and visual equipment and services	1,246	1,146	1,359	1,211	1,414	1,351	1,105	852	815
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment	943	1,036	888	817	945	829	741	345	469
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	733	745	784	756	924	562	324	187	222
Personal care products and services	786	710	868	692	857	998	703	533	427
Reading	147	166	134	100	134	155	113	57	88
Education	1,403	835	1,956	441	1,758	3,200	1,139	657	681
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	327	300	318	230	301	402	542	245	314
Miscellaneous	1,004	951	1,034	809	1,024	1,186	1,120	629	675
Cash contributions	2,282	2,578	2,094	1,367	2,119	2,481	1,762	741	1,233
Personal insurance and pensions	7,827	6,802	8,786	7,888	9,162	8,673	7,604	2,891	3,376
Life and other personal insurance	496	534	465	288	491	523	476	139	132
Pensions and Social Security	7,331	6,267	8,322	7,600	8,671	8,150	7,129	2,753	3,244
Sources of income and personal taxes:									
Money income before taxes	85,829	75,312	94,697	81,190	97,616	97,702	89,986	37,100	41,125
Wages and salaries	70,666	53,064	85,723	75,783	89,435	85,240	76,212	28,707	31,057
Self-employment income	4,643	4,420	4,925	3,829	5,589	4,433	4,111	1,759	1,753
Social Security, private and government retirement	7,824	14,309	2,014	4212	782	5,210	7,511	883	5,879
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,889	2,911	1,152	779	942	1,737	666	795	1,161
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	265	235	289	119	225	502	278	192	183
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	222	155	221	125	213	292	638	1,107	446
Regular contributions for support	160	72	220	4136	339	464	291	3,326	397
Other income	159	146	152	207	91	225	278	332	248
Personal taxes	2,556	2,855	2,538	1,398	2,972	2,469	887	-545	1,205
Federal income taxes	2,565	2,705	2,627	1,762	2,986	2,523	1,314	-109	1,201
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082)	-1,068	-874	-1,243	-1,199	-1,298	-1,174	-1,066	-659	-469
State and local income taxes	768	699	877	654	1,019	766	461	155	330
Other taxes	291	325	277	182	265	354	177	68	143

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Income after taxes	83,274	72,457	92,159	79,792	94,644	95,233	89,100	37,645	39,920
Addenda:									
Net change in total assets and liabilities	-\$6,498	-\$6,188	-\$7,797	-\$12,358	-\$9,200	-\$2,667	\$222	-\$5,685	-\$1,030
Net change in total assets	9,545	4,084	14,395	22,283	12,682	12,654	10,083	2,188	5,476
Net change in total liabilities	16,043	10,272	22,192	34,641	21,882	15,321	9,862	7,873	6,506
Other financial information:									
Other money receipts	636	741	537	293	611	554	660	567	377
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-3,320	-2,664	-3,957	-3,142	-4,268	-3,905	-3,033	-1,441	-1,212
Estimated market value of owned home	233,469	235,867	234,375	178,381	244,996	249,381	213,212	86,878	106,593
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	1,178	1,162	1,202	984	1,259	1,234	1,113	487	578
Gifts of goods and services	1,623	1,937	1,437	794	1,273	2,106	973	704	793
Food	143	186	109	47	113	138	110	30	53
Alcoholic beverages	20	25	17	27	20	7	8	6	9
Housing	304	363	272	162	295	301	163	146	151
Housekeeping supplies	41	43	41	43	43	35	22	25	22
Household textiles	20	23	19	4	17	32	41	46	7
Appliances and miscellaneous									
housewares	32	39	25	429	21	30	434	49	9
Major appliances	9	13	4	47	2	6	18	41	4
Small appliances and miscellaneous									
housewares	23	26	21	422	18	24	415	48	5
Miscellaneous household equipment	84	92	82	54	93	80	50	428	30
Other housing	128	165	105	31	120	124	55	78	84
Apparel and services	251	263	251	293	200	315	179	271	183
Males, 2 and over	54	56	56	61	32	96	30	44	39
Females, 2 and over	94	126	73	60	62	100	48	69	61
Children under 2	65	46	81	139	73	57	78	85	27
Other apparel products and services	37	34	42	433	33	62	423	72	56
Jewelry and watches	11	11	11	49	6	21	48	416	27
All other apparel products and services	26	24	31	424	27	41	416	456	28
Transportation	127	174	87	84	49	152	108	23	77
Healthcare	23	36	12	42	15	411	411	49	24
Entertainment	108	124	99	100	95	107	73	59	70
Toys, games, arts and crafts, and tricycles	39	40	39	426	49	427	436	422	19
Other entertainment	69	84	61	73	45	79	37	37	51
Personal care products and services	18	14	23	33	17	26	6	8	6
Reading	1	2	1	41	1	41	(²)	41	1
Education	501	586	463	43	396	853	243	124	144
All other gifts	128	164	104	41	72	196	72	27	75

¹ Value is less than or equal to 0.05.

² Value is less than or equal to 0.5.

³ No data reported.

⁴ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

n.a. Not applicable.