

**Average annual expenditures and characteristics of all consumer units,
Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2006-2008**

Item	2006	2007	2008
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	118,843	120,171	120,770
Consumer unit characteristics:			
Income before taxes ¹	\$60,533	\$63,091	\$63,563
Income after taxes ¹	58,101	60,858	61,774
Age of reference person	48.7	48.8	49.1
Average number in consumer unit:			
Persons	2.5	2.5	2.5
Children under 18	0.6	0.6	0.6
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.3	0.3
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.3
Vehicles	1.9	1.9	2.0
Percent distribution:			
Sex of reference person:			
Male	46	47	47
Female	54	53	53
Housing tenure:			
Homeowner	67	67	66
With mortgage	43	43	42
Without mortgage	24	23	24
Renter	33	33	34
Race of reference person:			
Black	12	12	12
White, Asian, and all other races	88	88	88
Education of reference person:			
Elementary (1-8)	5	5	5
High school (9-12)	36	35	35
College	59	60	60
Never attended and other	0	0	0
At least one vehicle owned or leased	88	88	89
Average annual expenditures:			
Food	6,111	6,133	6,443
Food at home	3,417	3,465	3,744
Cereals and bakery products	446	460	507
Cereals and cereal products	143	143	170
Bakery products	304	317	337
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	797	777	846
Beef	236	216	239

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Pork	157	150	163
Other meats	105	104	106
Poultry	141	142	159
Fish and seafood	122	122	128
Eggs	37	43	51
Dairy products	368	387	430
Fresh milk and cream	140	154	168
Other dairy products	228	234	261
Fruits and vegetables	592	600	657
Fresh fruits	195	202	222
Fresh vegetables	193	190	212
Processed fruits	109	112	116
Processed vegetables	95	96	107
Other food at home	1,212	1,241	1,305
Sugar and other sweets	125	124	129
Fats and oils	86	91	104
Miscellaneous foods	627	650	680
Nonalcoholic beverages	332	333	342
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	43	43	49
Food away from home	2,694	2,668	2,698
Alcoholic beverages	497	457	444
Housing	16,366	16,920	17,109
Shelter	9,673	10,023	10,183
Owned dwellings	6,516	6,730	6,760
Mortgage interest and charges	3,753	3,890	3,826
Property taxes	1,649	1,709	1,758
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	1,115	1,131	1,176
Rented dwellings	2,590	2,602	2,724
Other lodging	567	691	698
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,397	3,477	3,649
Natural gas	509	480	531
Electricity	1,266	1,303	1,353
Fuel oil and other fuels	138	151	192
Telephone	1,087	1,110	1,127
Water and other public services	397	434	446
Household operations	948	984	998
Personal services	393	415	383
Other household expenses	555	569	614
Housekeeping supplies	640	639	654
Laundry and cleaning supplies	151	140	148
Other household products	330	347	350
Postage and stationery	159	152	156
Household furnishings and equipment	1,708	1,797	1,624
Household textiles	154	133	126
Furniture	463	446	388

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Floor coverings	48	46	45
Major appliances	241	231	204
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	109	101	113
Miscellaneous household equipment	693	840	749
Apparel and services	1,874	1,881	1,801
Men and boys	444	435	427
Men, 16 and over	353	351	344
Boys, 2 to 15	91	84	83
Women and girls	751	749	718
Women, 16 and over	629	627	597
Girls, 2 to 15	122	122	121
Children under 2	96	93	93
Footwear	304	327	314
Other apparel products and services	280	276	248
Transportation	8,508	8,758	8,604
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,421	3,244	2,755
Cars and trucks, new	1,798	1,572	1,305
Cars and trucks, used	1,568	1,567	1,315
Other vehicles	54	105	134
Gasoline and motor oil	2,227	2,384	2,715
Other vehicle expenses	2,355	2,592	2,621
Vehicle finance charges	298	305	312
Maintenance and repairs	688	738	731
Vehicle insurance	886	1,071	1,113
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	482	478	465
Public transportation	505	538	513
Health care	2,766	2,853	2,976
Health insurance	1,465	1,545	1,653
Medical services	670	709	727
Drugs	514	481	482
Medical supplies	117	118	114
Entertainment	2,376	2,698	2,835
Fees and admissions	606	658	616
Audio and visual equipment and services ²	906	987	1,036
Pets, toys, hobbies and playground equipment	412	560	704
Other supplies, equipment, and services	451	493	479
Personal care products and services	585	588	616
Reading	117	118	116
Education	888	945	1,046

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Tobacco products and smoking supplies	327	323	317
Miscellaneous	846	808	840
Cash contributions	1,869	1,821	1,737
Personal insurance and pensions	5,270	5,336	5,605
Life and other personal insurance	322	309	317
Pensions and Social Security	4,948	5,027	5,288
Sources of income and taxes:			
Money income before taxes¹	60,533	63,091	63,563
Wages and salaries	48,119	50,322	51,007
Self-employment income	3,607	3,445	3,219
Social Security, private and government retirement	6,139	6,379	6,577
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,486	1,746	1,509
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefit	207	216	225
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	340	332	371
Regular contributions for support	409	463	446
Other income	225	189	208
Personal taxes¹	2,432	2,233	1,789
Federal income taxes	1,711	1,569	1,817
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082)	n.a.	n.a.	-784
State and local income taxes	519	468	542
Other taxes	202	196	213
Income after taxes¹	58,101	60,858	61,774
Addenda:			
Net change in total assets and liabilities	-7,053	-2,520	-4,072
Net change in total assets	11,120	10,647	7,349
Net change in total liabilities	18,173	13,167	11,421
Other financial information			
Other money receipts	613	626	519
Mortgage principal paid, owned property	-2,080	-2,279	-2,295
Estimated market value of owned home	183,212	182,336	169,794
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	873	898	877

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Gifts of goods and services	1,154	1,198	1,209
Food	117	93	97
Alcoholic beverages ³	17	11	14
Housing	264	225	229
Housekeeping supplies	28	30	31
Household textiles	11	13	13
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares	25	21	21
Major appliances	10	7	6
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	16	13	14
Miscellaneous household equipment	49	55	57
Other housing	150	106	106
Apparel and services	247	241	223
Males, 2 and over	60	57	47
Females, 2 and over	83	87	79
Children under 2	52	45	50
Other apparel products and services	52	52	47
Jewelry and watches	26	21	18
All other apparel products and services	26	31	29
Transportation	70	109	99
Health care	41	23	22
Entertainment	76	103	89
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	24	35	29
Other entertainment	52	68	59
Personal care products and services ³	16	18	12
Reading ³	1	1	1
Education	210	283	324
All other gifts ³	94	93	99

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

2/ Prior to 2005, the title of Audio and visual equipment and services was Televisions, radio, sound equipment.

3/ Prior to 2000, gifts of Alcoholic beverages, Personal care products and services, and Reading materials were included in "All other gifts".

Note: All values have been rounded, and as a result some cell values have been rounded to zero. This is particularly evident in the characteristic section. When data are not reported or are not applicable (i.e., missing values), tabulated cell values have been set to zero.