

Table 24. Selected western metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2007-2008

Item	All consumer units in the West	Los Angeles	San Francisco	San Diego	Seattle	Phoenix
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	27,059	4,778	2,969	994	2,006	1,610
Consumer unit characteristics:						
Income before taxes	\$68,479	\$74,851	\$89,770	\$69,432	\$74,510	\$71,065
Age of reference person	47.8	48.9	48.3	46.2	48.0	45.7
Average number in consumer unit:						
Persons	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.8
Children under 187	.8	.5	.6	.5	.9
Persons 65 and older3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3
Earners	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5
Vehicles	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.5	2.5	2.0
Percent homeowner	63	55	57	53	65	67
Average annual expenditures	\$55,873	\$59,131	\$68,966	\$51,159	\$63,565	\$56,847
Food	6,925	7,641	8,393	5,556	7,296	6,401
Food at home	3,982	4,298	4,323	3,087	4,313	3,715
Cereals and bakery products	504	502	562	339	543	496
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	860	1,023	919	626	879	741
Dairy products	448	437	478	315	498	406
Fruits and vegetables	743	881	916	660	750	607
Other food at home	1,428	1,455	1,448	1,147	1,641	1,465
Food away from home	2,942	3,343	4,070	2,468	2,983	2,685
Alcoholic beverages	503	515	774	482	600	472
Housing	19,784	22,645	26,111	22,562	21,515	19,492
Shelter	12,725	15,521	18,800	15,761	13,890	11,711
Owned dwellings	8,114	9,077	11,238	8,903	8,883	7,806
Rented dwellings	3,845	5,857	6,208	6,432	3,950	3,201
Other lodging	766	587	1,355	426	1,057	705
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,299	3,364	3,204	2,861	3,485	3,874
Household operations	1,151	1,343	1,567	1,581	1,103	1,362
Housekeeping supplies	709	623	600	573	641	655
Household furnishings and equipment	1,900	1,794	1,939	1,787	2,396	1,889
Apparel and services	1,965	2,026	2,456	1,941	2,548	2,046
Transportation	9,314	9,227	10,591	6,556	9,643	11,630
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,236	2,883	2,973	¹ 1,429	3,113	5,074
Gasoline and motor oil	2,533	2,913	2,589	2,593	2,608	2,957
Other vehicle expenses	2,832	2,826	3,550	2,020	2,816	2,998
Public transportation	713	604	1,479	514	1,107	602
Healthcare	2,958	2,512	3,321	1,840	3,373	3,195
Entertainment	3,327	2,782	3,409	2,346	3,748	3,560
Personal care products and services	686	752	932	603	752	707
Reading	140	123	174	85	245	115
Education	930	1,117	1,450	596	1,125	555
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	246	178	176	108	282	308
Miscellaneous	1,045	1,110	1,101	707	1,321	972
Cash contributions	2,121	2,356	1,822	1,338	3,365	2,059
Personal insurance and pensions	5,928	6,148	8,256	6,439	7,750	5,337
Life and other personal insurance	263	247	270	199	406	239
Pensions and Social Security	5,665	5,902	7,986	6,240	7,345	5,097

¹ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.