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Item	All consumer units	Single consumers		Consumer units of two or more persons			
		No earner	One earner	No earner	One earner	Two earners	Three or more earners
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	120,770	13,365	21,699	10,762	25,011	40,395	9,540
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes .....	\$63,563	\$17,682	\$42,426	\$31,513	\$58,601	\$92,124	\$104,141
Income after taxes .....	61,774	17,720	40,455	31,711	57,562	89,071	101,349
Age of reference person .....	49.1	69.0	42.4	65.3	47.5	43.3	46.4
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons .....	2.5	1.0	1.0	2.3	3.0	3.1	4.4
Children under 18 .....	.6	n.a.	n.a.	.3	1.0	.9	1.0
Persons 65 and older .....	.3	.7	.1	1.2	.3	.1	.1
Earners .....	1.3	n.a.	1.0	n.a.	1.0	2.0	3.3
Vehicles .....	2.0	.9	1.2	1.8	1.9	2.5	3.2
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male .....	47	34	54	50	39	51	47
Female .....	53	66	46	50	61	49	53
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner .....	66	58	44	77	67	75	80
With mortgage .....	42	13	30	19	44	59	63
Without mortgage .....	24	45	13	58	23	17	17
Renter .....	34	42	56	23	33	25	20
Race of reference person:							
Black or African-American .....	12	14	13	13	15	9	11
White, Asian, and all other races .....	88	86	87	87	85	91	89
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:							
Hispanic or Latino .....	12	5	9	8	16	12	18
Not Hispanic or Latino .....	88	95	91	92	84	88	82
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8) .....	5	10	2	9	6	2	6
High school (9-12) .....	35	48	26	45	37	31	37
College .....	60	41	72	46	56	66	57
Never attended and other .....	(1)	1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	1
At least one vehicle owned or leased .....	89	67	82	87	91	96	96
Average annual expenditures .....	\$50,486	\$21,824	\$35,202	\$37,908	\$50,348	\$66,344	\$73,159
Food .....							
Food at home .....	12.8	12.8	11.7	14.5	13.2	12.3	13.9
Cereals and bakery products .....	7.4	8.8	5.7	10.0	8.4	6.8	7.9
Cereals and cereal products .....	1.0	1.3	.7	1.3	1.2	.9	1.1
Bakery products .....	.3	.4	.2	.4	.4	.3	.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	.7	.9	.5	.9	.8	.6	.7
Beef .....	1.7	1.9	1.2	2.3	2.0	1.5	1.8
Pork .....	.5	.5	.3	.6	.6	.4	.5
Other meats .....	.3	.4	.2	.5	.4	.3	.4
Poultry .....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Fish and seafood .....	.3	.3	.2	.4	.4	.3	.3
Eggs .....	.3	.4	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2
Dairy products .....	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Dairy products .....	.9	1.1	.7	1.2	.9	.8	.8
Fresh milk and cream .....	.3	.4	.3	.4	.4	.3	.3
Other dairy products .....	.5	.6	.4	.7	.6	.5	.5

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Item	All consumer units	Single consumers		Consumer units of two or more persons			
		No earner	One earner	No earner	One earner	Two earners	Three or more earners
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.3	1.7	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.3
Fresh fruits .....	.4	.6	.3	.6	.5	.4	.4
Fresh vegetables .....	.4	.5	.3	.6	.5	.4	.4
Processed fruits .....	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Processed vegetables .....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Other food at home .....	2.6	2.9	2.1	3.4	2.8	2.4	2.8
Sugar and other sweets .....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3
Fats and oils .....	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Miscellaneous foods .....	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.4
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	.7	.7	.5	.9	.7	.6	.8
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	.1	.1	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1
Food away from home .....	5.3	4.0	6.0	4.5	4.9	5.5	6.0
Alcoholic beverages .....	.9	.7	1.4	.8	.7	.9	.8
Housing .....	33.9	43.8	36.1	34.0	35.8	32.4	29.5
Shelter .....	20.2	25.5	24.7	17.4	20.9	19.2	16.7
Owned dwellings .....	13.4	12.1	12.3	11.7	14.1	14.0	12.4
Mortgage interest and charges .....	7.6	3.3	7.1	3.0	8.0	8.8	7.2
Property taxes .....	3.5	4.8	2.9	4.5	3.7	3.4	3.1
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses .....	2.3	4.1	2.4	4.2	2.3	1.9	2.0
Rented dwellings .....	5.4	12.4	11.2	3.9	5.5	3.8	3.0
Other lodging .....	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.3
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	7.2	10.5	6.4	9.5	7.8	6.5	7.3
Natural gas .....	1.1	1.7	.9	1.4	1.1	.9	1.0
Electricity .....	2.7	4.0	2.3	3.7	2.9	2.4	2.5
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	.4	.7	.3	.7	.4	.3	.3
Telephone services .....	2.2	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.5
Water and other public services .....	.9	1.3	.7	1.2	1.0	.8	.9
Household operations .....	2.0	2.9	1.2	2.0	2.2	2.2	1.2
Personal services .....	.8	.7	2.1	.5	.9	1.0	.3
Other household expenses .....	1.2	2.2	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.1	.9
Housekeeping supplies .....	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.9	1.5	1.1	1.4
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	.3	.3	.2	.4	.4	.3	.3
Other household products .....	.7	.7	.4	1.0	.8	.6	.9
Postage and stationery .....	.3	.5	.3	.5	.3	.3	.2
Household furnishings and equipment .....	3.2	3.3	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.3	2.9
Household textiles .....	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2
Furniture .....	.8	.7	.7	.6	.9	.8	.6
Floor coverings .....	.1	.1	( <sup>3</sup> )	.1	.1	.1	.1
Major appliances .....	.4	.4	.3	.5	.4	.4	.4
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.4
Apparel and services .....	3.6	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.8	3.8	3.5
Men and boys .....	.8	.3	.8	.8	.9	.9	.9
Men, 16 and over .....	.7	.3	.7	.7	.6	.7	.8
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	.2	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	.1	.3	.2	.1
Women and girls .....	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.5
Women, 16 and over .....	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	.2	.1	.1	.1	.3	.3	.2
Children under 2 .....	.2	.1	.1	.1	.3	.2	.1
Footwear .....	.6	.5	.5	.5	.7	.6	.6
Other apparel products and services .....	.5	.5	.6	.4	.5	.5	.4
Transportation .....	17.0	11.7	15.9	17.9	15.8	17.7	19.7
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	5.5	2.0	4.8	5.9	4.7	6.0	6.4
Cars and trucks, new .....	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.9	2.1	3.1	2.3
Cars and trucks, used .....	2.6	.7	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.6	3.8
Other vehicles .....	.3	2.2	.2	2.4	.2	.3	.4

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Gasoline and motor oil .....	5.4	3.8	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.4	6.4
Other vehicle expenses .....	5.2	4.9	5.1	5.5	4.7	5.2	6.0
Vehicle finance charges .....	.6	.2	.5	.3	.6	.7	.8
Maintenance and repairs .....	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.7
Vehicle insurance .....	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.8	1.8	2.1	2.7
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges .....	.9	.8	.9	.8	.9	1.0	.8
Public transportation .....	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.0	1.0	.9
Healthcare .....	5.9	11.2	4.1	13.2	6.3	4.8	4.9
Health insurance .....	3.3	7.3	2.1	7.6	3.5	2.6	2.5
Medical services .....	1.4	1.7	1.1	2.6	1.5	1.3	1.3
Drugs .....	1.0	1.8	.7	2.5	1.1	.7	.8
Medical supplies .....	.2	.4	.1	.5	.2	.2	.2
Entertainment .....	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.5	6.0	4.8
Fees and admissions .....	1.2	.8	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1
Audio and visual equipment and services .....	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.9
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment ..	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.1
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	.9	.6	.7	1.0	.9	1.1	.7
Personal care products and services .....	1.2	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Reading .....	.2	.4	.3	.4	.2	.2	.2
Education .....	2.1	1.5	2.2	.8	1.8	2.2	3.1
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	.6	.7	.7	.7	.7	.5	.7
Miscellaneous .....	1.7	1.5	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.3
Cash contributions .....	3.4	5.4	4.0	4.8	3.6	2.9	3.0
Personal insurance and pensions .....	11.1	.7	11.8	1.5	9.7	13.5	13.5
Life and other personal insurance .....	.6	.5	.3	.7	.8	.6	.7
Pensions and Social Security .....	10.5	2.2	11.5	.8	8.9	12.9	12.8
Sources of income and personal taxes:							
Money income before taxes .....	\$63,563	\$17,682	\$42,426	\$31,513	\$58,601	\$92,124	\$104,141
Wages and salaries .....	80.2	( <sup>4</sup> )	87.0	( <sup>4</sup> )	77.0	89.2	91.8
Self-employment income .....	5.1	( <sup>4</sup> )	5.5	( <sup>4</sup> )	5.6	5.6	4.7
Social Security, private and government retirement .....	10.3	78.7	3.6	80.9	12.2	2.8	1.9
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income .....	2.4	12.5	1.9	10.7	2.5	1.5	.7
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	.4	.8	.4	.9	.3	.3	.2
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	.6	3.6	.1	3.9	1.0	.1	.2
Regular contributions for support .....	.7	2.7	.9	2.8	1.1	.3	.3
Other income .....	.3	1.6	.6	.7	.4	.2	.2
Personal taxes .....	2.8	-2	4.6	-6	1.8	3.3	2.7
Federal income taxes .....	2.9	.8	4.2	.7	2.1	3.2	2.8
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082) .....	-1.2	-1.7	-9	-2.0	-1.4	-1.1	-1.2
State and local income taxes .....	.9	.1	1.1	.1	.8	1.0	.8
Other taxes .....	.3	.6	.3	.6	.3	.3	.3
Income after taxes .....	97.2	100.2	95.4	100.6	98.2	96.7	97.3

<sup>1</sup> Value less than or equal to 0.5.

<sup>2</sup> Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

<sup>3</sup> Value less than 0.05.

<sup>4</sup> No data reported.

n.a. Not applicable.