

**Table 22. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2010-2011**

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Cleveland
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	27,052	3,489	2,079	1,532	1,146
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes .....	\$59,659	\$76,917	\$65,060	\$66,789	\$58,358
Age of reference person .....	49.1	49.6	50.1	46.7	54.8
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons .....	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3
Children under 18 .....	.6	.7	.6	.6	.5
Persons 65 and older .....	.3	.3	.3	.2	.4
Earners .....	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.2
Vehicles .....	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.4	1.9
Percent homeowner .....	68	69	70	72	70
Average annual expenditures .....	\$46,247	\$57,579	\$50,467	\$54,457	\$45,768
Food .....	5,987	7,158	6,329	6,767	5,665
Food at home .....	3,709	4,276	4,034	4,332	3,253
Cereals and bakery products .....	523	602	573	632	466
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	754	904	837	818	600
Dairy products .....	398	404	406	553	331
Fruits and vegetables .....	682	903	782	799	578
Other food at home .....	1,352	1,465	1,436	1,529	1,278
Food away from home .....	2,278	2,882	2,295	2,436	2,412
Alcoholic beverages .....	383	439	445	723	397
Housing .....	14,847	20,520	16,267	17,586	14,653
Shelter .....	8,461	13,063	9,341	10,252	8,554
Owned dwellings .....	5,797	8,770	6,455	7,407	5,569
Rented dwellings .....	2,050	3,156	2,240	2,174	2,315
Other lodging .....	614	1,137	646	671	670
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	3,451	3,981	4,036	3,315	3,434
Household operations .....	904	1,332	891	1,260	577
Housekeeping supplies .....	639	666	631	883	728
Household furnishings and equipment .....	1,392	1,478	1,368	1,877	1,360
Apparel and services .....	1,549	2,056	1,448	1,665	1,657
Transportation .....	7,669	8,342	8,790	8,808	7,815
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	2,605	2,624	2,705	2,908	2,598
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2,371	2,445	2,606	2,538	2,086
Other vehicle expenses .....	2,254	2,412	2,956	2,818	2,572
Public and other transportation .....	440	861	523	545	559
Health care .....	3,443	4,085	3,178	4,008	2,849
Entertainment .....	2,534	3,100	2,673	3,158	2,671
Personal care products and services .....	550	726	580	676	626
Reading .....	112	123	121	141	103
Education .....	1,124	1,776	1,474	1,578	1,227
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	373	263	410	288	334
Miscellaneous .....	769	794	1,359	727	692
Cash contributions .....	1,632	1,595	1,646	1,738	1,769
Personal insurance and pensions .....	5,275	6,602	5,747	6,592	5,309
Life and other personal insurance .....	340	402	334	348	279
Pensions and Social Security .....	4,934	6,201	5,413	6,244	5,030

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2012