

Table 3002. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2012-2013

| Item | All consumer units in the Northeast | New York | Philadelphia | Boston |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Number of consumer units (in thousands) | 22,614 | 8,778 | 2,898 | 2,825 |
| Consumer unit characteristics: | | | | |
| Income before taxes | \$71,819 | \$80,862 | \$69,975 | \$83,233 |
| Age of reference person | 51.4 | 51.1 | 51.6 | 51.8 |
| Average number in consumer unit: | | | | |
| People | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Children under 18 | .6 | .6 | .6 | .5 |
| Adults 65 and older | .4 | .4 | .3 | .4 |
| Earners | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Vehicles | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Percent homeowner | 63 | 55 | 66 | 63 |
| Average annual expenditures | \$56,484 | \$60,791 | \$55,766 | \$65,650 |
| Food | 6,998 | 7,225 | 7,662 | 8,705 |
| Food at home | 4,139 | 4,111 | 4,467 | 5,575 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 595 | 590 | 656 | 824 |
| Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs | 921 | 988 | 1,045 | 1,122 |
| Dairy products | 455 | 442 | 489 | 572 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 809 | 855 | 844 | 1,143 |
| Other food at home | 1,360 | 1,236 | 1,433 | 1,913 |
| Food away from home | 2,858 | 3,114 | 3,195 | 3,131 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 531 | 498 | 644 | 764 |
| Housing | 20,054 | 24,187 | 19,740 | 21,384 |
| Shelter | 12,396 | 16,257 | 11,468 | 12,894 |
| Owned dwellings | 7,612 | 9,448 | 7,414 | 7,846 |
| Rented dwellings | 3,975 | 5,948 | 3,302 | 3,777 |
| Other lodging | 809 | 860 | 751 | 1,271 |
| Utilities, fuels, and public services | 4,053 | 4,200 | 4,388 | 4,143 |
| Household operations | 1,411 | 1,652 | 1,227 | 1,963 |
| Housekeeping supplies | 622 | 604 | 840 | 601 |
| Household furnishings and equipment | 1,572 | 1,475 | 1,819 | 1,783 |
| Apparel and services | 1,832 | 2,254 | 2,207 | 1,904 |
| Transportation | 9,107 | 8,235 | 8,595 | 10,219 |
| Vehicle purchases (net outlay) | 3,094 | 2,067 | 2,914 | 3,488 |
| Gasoline and motor oil | 2,446 | 2,180 | 2,282 | 2,775 |
| Other vehicle expenses | 2,751 | 2,811 | 2,766 | 3,027 |
| Public and other transportation | 816 | 1,177 | 633 | 929 |
| Healthcare | 3,679 | 3,585 | 3,597 | 4,518 |
| Entertainment | 2,675 | 2,529 | 2,874 | 3,438 |
| Personal care products and services | 630 | 704 | 699 | 729 |
| Reading | 126 | 102 | 123 | 162 |
| Education | 1,830 | 2,280 | 1,357 | 1,921 |
| Tobacco products and smoking supplies | 348 | 248 | 329 | 426 |
| Miscellaneous | 795 | 710 | 624 | 1,137 |
| Cash contributions | 1,662 | 1,543 | 1,654 | 2,417 |
| Personal insurance and pensions | 6,217 | 6,690 | 5,659 | 7,925 |
| Life and other personal insurance | 354 | 409 | 247 | 448 |
| Pensions and Social Security | 5,862 | 6,280 | 5,412 | 7,477 |

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2014