

**Table 3002. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2013-2014**

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	22,910	8,953	3,116	2,703
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes .....	\$73,756	\$82,749	\$71,457	\$88,932
Age of reference person .....	52.2	51.7	52.0	51.9
Average number in consumer unit:				
People .....	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4
Children under 18 .....	.5	.6	.5	.5
Adults 65 and older .....	.4	.4	.4	.4
Earners .....	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4
Vehicles .....	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.8
Percent homeowner .....	62	55	65	63
Average annual expenditures .....	\$58,122	\$63,193	\$57,907	\$66,203
Food .....	6,944	7,329	7,263	7,777
Food at home .....	4,156	4,261	4,327	4,883
Cereals and bakery products .....	586	609	613	712
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	931	1,008	1,042	1,013
Dairy products .....	463	464	460	495
Fruits and vegetables .....	810	895	847	956
Other food at home .....	1,367	1,283	1,365	1,707
Food away from home .....	2,789	3,068	2,936	2,895
Alcoholic beverages .....	525	541	636	619
Housing .....	20,707	25,046	20,475	22,048
Shelter .....	12,873	16,901	12,317	13,503
Owned dwellings .....	7,798	9,776	7,622	8,458
Rented dwellings .....	4,198	6,267	3,580	3,957
Other lodging .....	877	859	1,115	1,089
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	4,232	4,318	4,574	4,363
Household operations .....	1,371	1,766	953	1,832
Housekeeping supplies .....	621	594	842	530
Household furnishings and equipment .....	1,610	1,468	1,789	1,819
Apparel and services .....	1,876	2,334	2,193	2,014
Transportation .....	9,337	8,442	9,500	9,997
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	3,162	2,071	3,253	3,589
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2,322	2,088	2,268	2,634
Other vehicle expenses .....	2,989	2,982	3,228	2,946
Public and other transportation .....	864	1,301	751	828
Healthcare .....	4,125	3,937	4,386	4,764
Entertainment .....	2,679	2,597	2,730	3,071
Personal care products and services .....	665	748	676	749
Reading .....	119	100	105	138
Education .....	2,033	2,575	2,003	2,496
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	328	230	343	430
Miscellaneous .....	725	652	561	1,330
Cash contributions .....	1,653	1,669	1,237	2,221
Personal insurance and pensions .....	6,407	6,993	5,800	8,550
Life and other personal insurance .....	397	413	313	520
Pensions and Social Security .....	6,009	6,581	5,487	8,030

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2015