

Table 3015. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2015-2016

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul	St. Louis
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	27,708	3,793	1,862	1,613	1,218
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes	\$68,594	\$79,738	\$80,597	\$91,832	\$69,351
Age of reference person	51.0	49.0	52.4	51.3	50.4
Average number in consumer unit:					
People	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3
Children under 186	.6	.6	.5	.6
Adults 65 and older4	.3	.3	.3	.4
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.3
Vehicles	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.6	2.0
Percent homeowner	66	61	66	68	73
Average annual expenditures	\$54,989	\$61,545	\$59,651	\$77,430	\$57,774
Food	7,076	8,109	7,693	8,517	7,598
Food at home	4,052	4,491	4,211	4,638	4,236
Cereals and bakery products	529	556	557	592	524
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	883	947	1,021	941	914
Dairy products	429	458	420	459	408
Fruits and vegetables	747	967	790	966	800
Other food at home	1,465	1,562	1,422	1,680	1,591
Food away from home	3,024	3,618	3,482	3,879	3,362
Alcoholic beverages	507	492	560	863	655
Housing	17,188	21,645	18,092	23,945	18,325
Shelter	9,724	13,737	10,019	15,191	9,256
Owned dwellings	6,028	8,522	5,750	9,205	6,303
Rented dwellings	3,010	4,359	3,334	4,499	2,338
Other lodging	686	856	935	1,486	615
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,778	3,830	4,203	3,719	4,165
Household operations	1,149	1,378	1,525	1,617	1,458
Housekeeping supplies	697	713	713	775	813
Household furnishings and equipment	1,840	1,986	1,632	2,643	2,632
Apparel and services	1,680	2,162	2,160	1,956	1,573
Transportation	9,077	8,925	9,778	11,932	9,328
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,692	3,245	2,392	5,499	3,633
Gasoline and motor oil	1,971	1,956	2,142	2,225	2,137
Other vehicle expenses	2,881	2,829	4,467	3,245	2,897
Public and other transportation	533	893	776	962	661
Healthcare	4,788	4,758	4,801	6,463	4,954
Entertainment	2,946	3,468	3,517	4,627	3,029
Personal care products and services	680	755	905	1,106	918
Reading	119	115	109	164	186
Education	1,284	1,578	1,732	2,318	787
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	415	309	530	402	395
Miscellaneous	1,002	788	955	1,064	1,362
Cash contributions	1,718	1,452	1,494	4,991	1,917
Personal insurance and pensions	6,509	6,990	7,326	9,082	6,746
Life and other personal insurance	344	346	552	529	340
Pensions and Social Security	6,165	6,644	6,774	8,554	6,406

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2017