

Table 3024. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2015-2016

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston	Tampa
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	49,467	2,144	1,023	2,000	2,163	2,729	2,457	1,113
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes	\$64,783	\$113,997	\$94,984	\$80,365	\$73,843	\$81,574	\$74,940	\$62,658
Age of reference person	50.7	50.0	51.5	46.7	54.6	46.9	47.9	53.7
Average number in consumer unit:								
People	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.3
Children under 186	.6	.7	.7	.4	.6	.8	.4
Adults 65 and older4	.3	.3	.3	.4	.3	.3	.4
Earners	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.1
Vehicles	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.6
Percent homeowner	65	64	70	61	59	57	60	65
Average annual expenditures	\$52,350	\$75,344	\$68,974	\$58,102	\$56,378	\$62,099	\$64,668	\$51,402
Food	6,671	8,108	8,332	5,914	6,930	7,380	9,184	6,482
Food at home	3,776	4,289	4,440	3,421	4,120	3,919	4,494	3,747
Cereals and bakery products	483	530	593	406	559	486	533	536
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	866	915	926	910	1,059	827	1,155	760
Dairy products	363	446	432	295	381	365	356	363
Fruits and vegetables	700	917	865	636	884	773	916	714
Other food at home	1,363	1,480	1,624	1,175	1,237	1,468	1,534	1,375
Food away from home	2,894	3,819	3,892	2,493	2,810	3,461	4,691	2,735
Alcoholic beverages	404	674	651	297	512	346	563	430
Housing	16,741	26,921	23,798	19,811	20,501	21,221	20,582	17,322
Shelter	9,191	17,904	15,038	11,466	13,532	12,099	11,723	9,769
Owned dwellings	5,314	10,768	9,960	6,551	6,827	6,167	6,778	5,495
Rented dwellings	3,176	5,314	3,814	4,043	5,543	5,283	4,340	3,792
Other lodging	701	1,822	1,263	873	1,162	649	605	482
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,938	4,221	4,287	4,437	3,693	4,438	4,364	3,856
Household operations	1,250	2,105	1,986	1,589	1,578	1,588	1,472	1,726
Housekeeping supplies	654	657	669	486	642	693	818	617
Household furnishings and equipment	1,709	2,035	1,818	1,833	1,056	2,402	2,206	1,354
Apparel and services	1,684	2,514	1,800	1,892	3,097	2,087	2,711	1,564
Transportation	9,447	9,674	11,418	10,649	8,344	9,906	13,577	9,095
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	4,346	3,512	5,082	5,043	¹ 2,025	3,955	6,449	3,651
Gasoline and motor oil	2,034	1,924	2,184	2,447	2,103	2,286	2,311	1,813
Other vehicle expenses	2,624	2,811	3,458	2,647	3,324	3,096	4,200	3,163
Public and other transportation	444	1,427	693	511	892	570	616	469
Healthcare	4,271	5,395	4,815	3,993	3,687	4,829	4,061	4,434
Entertainment	2,672	3,203	3,021	3,061	2,026	3,281	2,935	2,331
Personal care products and services	629	866	872	573	635	793	981	742
Reading	93	225	216	86	49	132	106	52
Education	997	1,999	1,380	1,284	490	1,034	830	685
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	362	244	234	245	179	333	291	310
Miscellaneous	705	1,308	871	572	484	998	696	427
Cash contributions	1,807	3,582	1,728	1,702	1,191	1,610	1,610	841
Personal insurance and pensions	5,869	10,631	9,837	8,022	8,253	8,150	6,540	6,688
Life and other personal insurance	291	573	451	174	173	398	207	167
Pensions and Social Security	5,577	10,058	9,387	7,849	8,080	7,752	6,333	6,521

¹ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.