

Table 3024. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2018-2019

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston	Tampa
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	50,776	2,424	893	2,047	2,341	2,942	2,260	1,243
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes	\$75,555	\$128,871	\$115,285	\$90,098	\$73,793	\$89,438	\$96,464	\$62,894
Age of reference person	51.0	50.6	51.5	50.1	52.3	46.5	48.1	54.1
Average number in consumer unit:								
People	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.3
Children under 186	.7	.6	.6	.5	.7	.7	.5
Adults 65 and older.....	.4	.3	.4	.3	.4	.2	.3	.4
Earners	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2
Vehicles	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7
Percent homeowner.....	65	68	70	66	56	57	63	62
Average annual expenditures	\$57,925	\$95,441	\$77,598	\$64,103	\$57,472	\$66,966	\$75,288	\$59,193
Food	7,484	11,608	8,434	8,233	6,304	7,651	8,575	9,053
Food at home.....	4,222	5,927	4,943	4,217	3,954	4,087	4,292	4,712
Cereals and bakery products	528	700	640	605	426	527	575	580
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	925	1,225	1,096	948	1,011	845	1,022	981
Dairy products	395	603	472	355	393	366	378	494
Fruits and vegetables.....	784	1,291	1,062	742	848	798	790	886
Other food at home.....	1,589	2,108	1,674	1,566	1,276	1,551	1,527	1,772
Food away from home.....	3,262	5,681	3,491	4,016	2,350	3,564	4,283	4,341
Alcoholic beverages.....	506	1,203	476	570	510	615	450	811
Housing.....	18,449	31,694	24,601	21,233	20,479	25,150	24,142	20,064
Shelter.....	10,263	19,936	15,231	11,963	13,557	15,485	14,532	11,857
Owned dwellings	5,913	12,677	9,260	6,401	6,104	8,304	9,116	6,431
Rented dwellings	3,562	5,533	4,432	4,203	6,657	6,220	4,505	4,540
Other lodging	787	1,726	1,540	1,359	797	961	912	886
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	4,092	4,639	3,970	4,593	3,968	4,813	4,535	3,874
Household operations.....	1,422	3,122	2,436	1,447	1,081	1,799	2,018	1,435
Housekeeping supplies	759	1,069	822	1,231	660	761	869	812
Household furnishings and equipment.....	1,915	2,929	2,141	1,998	1,214	2,292	2,188	2,087
Apparel and services	1,709	3,159	1,556	2,378	1,381	1,831	2,566	1,122
Transportation.....	10,491	13,646	13,255	9,862	10,915	10,472	12,352	10,692
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	4,478	5,712	6,482	3,071	3,108	3,601	4,413	4,903
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil.....	2,107	2,107	2,100	2,338	2,421	2,277	2,390	1,814
Other vehicle expenses.....	3,283	3,837	3,527	3,370	4,626	3,748	4,228	3,232
Public and other transportation	623	1,990	1,146	1,083	759	846	1,320	743
Healthcare.....	4,914	6,813	5,650	5,222	4,807	5,734	4,942	4,315
Entertainment.....	2,811	4,211	3,753	2,741	1,752	2,729	6,200	2,819
Personal care products and services	743	1,232	894	864	870	818	1,012	710
Reading.....	80	142	180	86	47	86	87	122
Education	1,143	2,371	3,736	1,274	1,442	1,606	1,352	1,215
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	354	134	261	125	174	202	249	361
Miscellaneous	858	1,705	883	728	583	841	1,251	1,293
Cash contributions	1,773	3,428	1,569	1,741	848	1,491	3,971	1,281
Personal insurance and pensions	6,611	14,095	12,350	9,047	7,358	7,739	8,138	5,334
Life and other personal insurance	484	673	657	562	333	374	593	520
Pensions and Social Security.....	6,127	13,422	11,693	8,484	7,025	7,365	7,545	4,815

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2020